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## **Meet the Legends Behind the Law at LegalLegacy.org Website A Birthday Gift for Arizona, Site Launches on Statehood Day**

PHOENIX – On Statehood Day, the Arizona Supreme Court announces the Arizona Legal Legacies Project, an online directory of Arizona’s legal giants, at the website [www.LegalLegacy.org](http://www.LegalLegacy.org). The website showcases written narratives and oral accounts, and gives other ‘behind the scenes’ insights into the brilliant minds that helped shape Arizona’s legal history. Billed as a place to “meet the legends behind the law,” this website is designed to inform educators, legal professionals, and the public at large about the people and personalities that helped develop the law in Arizona.

The Arizona Supreme Court partnered with the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, the State Bar of Arizona, and the Arizona Historical Society to launch the project on February 14, Arizona Statehood Day.

“I hope everyone will enjoy this site. One of my favorite links is the *Featured Cases* section. There you will find some of the most notable cases in Arizona history, along with links to the biography of the opinion’s author,” said Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch. “This should be of interest to educators, legal professionals, and anyone with even a passing interest in Arizona’s history or legal matters in general.”

The Arizona Legal Legacies Project began in the late 1980s but never reached a wide audience. Now, anyone with internet access anywhere in the world can discover information about the people who shaped Arizona’s legal history. Phase two of the project will continue with the addition of new interviews of legal luminaries.

“The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education began this effort knowing that whatever is not preserved for history may be lost to future generations,” said Foundation Director Dr. Kevin Ruegg. “We are grateful for to the Arizona Historical Society, Arizona Supreme Court, and State Bar of Arizona for their vital efforts to preserve and build upon Arizona’s legal legacy.”

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