

Professor Charles Wilkinson

Charles Wilkinson, Distinguished Professor and Moses Lasky Professor of Law at the University of Colorado, focuses much of his writing on land, water, and society of the American West. After graduating from Stanford Law School and practicing with Phoenix and San Francisco firms, Wilkinson joined the Native American Rights Fund in 1971 as a staff attorney. He has been in academia since 1975.

His fourteen books include the standard law texts in Federal Public Land Law and Indian Law; *The Eagle Bird: Mapping A New West*; *Crossing the Next Meridian: Land, Water, and the Future of the West*; and *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations*. Professor Wilkinson has received teaching awards from his students at every law schools where he has taught, and the Universities of Colorado and Oregon have given him their highest awards for leadership, scholarship, and teaching. He has also won acclamation from non-academic organizations including the Grand Canyon Trust's John Wesley Powell Award, for extraordinary vision, passion and commitment to the Colorado Plateau; The National Wildlife Federation's National Conservation Award; and the Federal Bar Association's Lawrence R. Baca Award, for Lifetime Achievement in Indian Law. Additionally, in its 10-year anniversary issue, *Outside Magazine* named him one of 15 "People to Watch," calling him "the West's leading authority on natural resources law."

He has served on several boards, including The Grand Canyon Trust and The Wilderness Society.