



Democracy s Lawyer: Felix Grundy of the Old Southwest (Paperback)

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Louisiana State University Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. A central political figure in the first post-Revolutionary generation, Felix Grundy (1775--1840) epitomized the American democrat who so famously fascinated Alexis de Tocqueville. Born and reared on the isolated frontier, Grundy rose largely by his own ability to become the Old Southwest s greatest criminal lawyer and one of the first radical political reformers in the fledgling United States. In *Democracy s Lawyer*, the first comprehensive biography of Grundy since 1940, J. Roderick Heller reveals how Grundy s life typifies the archetypal, post--founding fathers generation that forged America s culture and institutions. After his birth in Virginia, Grundy moved west at age five to the region that would become Kentucky, where he lost three brothers in Indian wars. He earned a law degree, joined the legislature, and quickly became Henry Clay s main rival. At age thirty-one, after rising to become chief justice of Kentucky, Grundy moved to Tennessee, where voters soon elected him to Congress. In Washington, Grundy proved so voracious a proponent of the War of 1812 that a popular slogan of the day blamed the war on Madison, Grundy, and the...



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