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Editor's Note: Most everyone is familiar with the plan used last year for convention reservations. The members attending the convention, in addition to the Broadmoor Hotel, were very satisfied with the results. Due to the success of the plan the Convention Committee has decided to adopt it *en toto* for this year's convention. Since Terry had described the problems involved, and the plan itself, so aptly in last February's issue of DICTA we re-submit it for your guidance at this time. Promptness is tantamount to success.

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe. She had so many lawyers she didn't know what to do. That, in a word, expresses the problem that has multiplied the grey hairs in the heads of Colorado Bar Association Presidents of recent years and has driven to near distraction the kindly and courteous managers of the Broadmoor Hotel. A special committee was appointed to solve the problem of reservations and assignment of rooms at the Broadmoor Hotel at the convention to be held next October.

It is an unfortunate fact that in recent years far more requests for reservations have been received by the Broadmoor than could be filled. The annual convention has attained a popularity and importance to the members of the Colorado Bar Association which is most gratifying but which has led to a highly competitive scramble for rooms at the Broadmoor. A study of the records of the past two or three conventions indicates, however, that much of this competition is of the toe-in-the-door category and a great many of the reservations made at the time of the announcement of the convention dates have been cancelled at the last minute. It is thus apparent that many reservations are being made by members simply on the chance that they may attend the convention but without any definite plan on their part to do so.

The 57th Annual Convention of the Colorado Bar Association will be held on October 13-15, 1955, at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The following procedures will be strictly observed in the handling of reservations for this convention:

1. All requests for reservations must be sent to the Secretary of the Colorado Bar Association, 525 Mile High Center in Denver.
2. No block reservations will be recognized but each member of the Association desiring reservations must send in his own request by United States mail.
3. Each reservation request must be accompanied with a deposit of \$15.00. This deposit will not be credited to the hotel bill (the Broadmoor has a policy against accepting advances on room rent) but will cover a registration fee of \$6.00 and pay for one ticket each to the Friday and Saturday Luncheons (\$2.50 each), the Saturday night Banquet (\$4.00), the President's Reception, the Friday night entertainment and the Grand Ball on Saturday night.

4. On March 7, 1955, all requests for reservations then in the Secretary's office will be opened simultaneously. If the total number of requests accompanied by a proper deposit does not exceed the number of rooms which the Broadmoor can make available, all will be filled. If such requests exceed the number of rooms available, the rooms will be allocated to the various local Bar Associations, pro-rated according to the membership of each Association. Associations having more requests for reservations than rooms assigned may select by lot or otherwise the registrants to be approved. Such selection would be made by the local Bar Association involved with the results certified to the Secretary of the Colorado Bar Association.

5. Letters requesting reservations will be sent by the secretary to the Broadmoor Hotel when approved in the above manner. The hotel will be responsible for the actual assignment of rooms.

6. Deposits will be returned to those not receiving reservations unless they desire to leave their request on file in the hope of obtaining a reservation cancelled by another. Those leaving their deposit with the Bar Association Secretary will receive preference in the assignment of cancelled reservations.

7. After a reservation is confirmed **NO DEPOSIT WILL BE RETURNED UNLESS A CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 12, 1955.**

If this all sounds like a bookie's nightmare, please remember that it is the only solution the Committee has been able to devise which will minimize the possibility of discrimination and which will give each member of the Colorado Bar Association an equal chance at a reservation.

Requests for accommodations at the Broadmoor Hotel will now be received by the Bar Association Secretary.

No advance deposit will be required of members who do not request reservations at the Broadmoor Hotel. Ample accommodations are available elsewhere in Colorado Springs and the Secretary will assist anyone desiring such facilities.

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