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Courtroom Amenities in Chicago

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comb stated "There should be no delay in its enthusiastic and wholehearted acceptance by the members of the bar. The use of the stamp, of course, is purely voluntary. The success of the practice, however, depends entirely upon you and the generality with which it is used."

COURTROOM AMENITIES IN CHICAGO

So far as is known, nothing like the following incident has happened in the Denver court, although every prosecutor and every defense lawyer in a criminal case has been heard making muted mutters that his Honor, the Judge, really should be sitting at the defense table or at the prosecution table, as the case may be. This actually occurred in a criminal court in Chicago, according to the official report of the Illinois Supreme Court:¹

"Many times during the trial altercations took place between the attorney for the defendant and the trial judge. The attitude of the attorney towards the judge was very provoking and on numerous occasions the judge, at the instigation of the attorney, digressed from orderly procedure and argued with him. The first occasion came when he asked the judge whether he would like to testify. Later, after an objection to a question had been sustained, he criticized the judge by stating that he, the judge, never got very far in the practice of law because he didn't know how to cross-examine. This provoked a discussion as to which one paid the greater income tax. Later, after another objection had been sustained, the judge was accused of not liking the truth. As the trial proceeded, the altercations became more heated and at one point the attorney referred to another judge by his last name—Rooney—and the judge asked him if he meant Mickey Rooney. There were numerous other heated discussions that had nothing to do with the issues and at one point the attorney referred to the judge as "assistant State's attorney'."

Contributed by Max D. Melville of the Denver Bar.

COUNTRY LAWYER IS NEEDED

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