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persons in need of their assistance, and thus enable attorneys to take their proper place in the drive to assist married couples in solving domestic problems without the need of legal action. Some marriage problems can be solved by good counsel, but the lawyer who is qualified to so act, may today be the least known and the last consulted in this field. By the time he is, the breach is generally too wide to heal.

Thus, the gauntlet is thrown down to the bar: (1) to devise a plan whereby the public may be made acquainted with the special qualifications of many members of the bar so that their talents might be utilized in this ever-increasing, complex field of family relationships, (2) to advise the general public that fees involved in these matters are fair, and that most desirable and satisfactory results may be obtained from consultations with competent attorneys on domestic relations problems.

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### WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF REQUIRING A STATEMENT OF ASSETS IN DIVORCE SUITS?

It has been suggested that the rules of the District Court of the Second Judicial District be amended to require the filing of a statement of assets in divorce cases. The judges have requested that this proposed rule be given publicity in DICTA, and that members of the association express their opinion as to the advisability therefor.

The matter has also been referred to the Domestic Relations Committee of the Colorado Bar Association, but since the Denver Bar Association has no committee in this field, it is suggested that any comment on the proposal be directed in writing to the secretary, 319 Chamber of Commerce Building.

The suggested rule in substance would read as follows:

"That the plaintiff shall file with his or her complaint, and serve on defendant with the complaint, a full detailed statement under oath of his or her assets and liabilities, together with a copy of the income tax return for the past two years.

"That the defendant before any hearing on alimony and in any event in not less than twenty days, shall file and serve a similar statement upon the plaintiff. That on motion for alimony by the defendant the time for filing such statement shall be five days after the service of the motion, but before the hearing of the motion for alimony.

"That each statement filed with the Clerk be sealed by him and not made public.

"That the Clerk of the Court prepare printed forms to be used in filing said statements.

"That penalties be assessed against any party failing to file complete statements or for filing false ones."