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Calendar

December 3—Meeting of Board of Governors of Colorado Bar Association at 10:00 A. M., University Club, Denver.

December 4—Legal Institute on Labor Problems, Wage-Hour Laws, and related subjects, 9:30 A.M., Auditorium of Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company.

December 6—Denver Bar Association regular monthly luncheon meeting, 12:15 P.M.

The Colorado Bar Association Program for 1948-49

By WM. HEDGES ROBINSON, JR., President

The fifty-first year of the Colorado Bar Association begins with a concrete program inaugurated and approved by the Board of Governors during the past year. To carry out this program, the association needs the assistance of all its members, and particularly the help of the Junior Bar Section.

The program consists of the following items:

1. *A thirteen-week radio program* on eleven Colorado radio stations. This program, entitled "You and the Law," is being prepared by the Rocky Mountain Radio Council under guidance of the state bar association. It will start in January, 1949. To make the program effective it is necessary that each local association plug the program in their local papers and community.

2. *Public Relations.* A carefully planned program of public relations will be carried forward during the year. The first step will be the issuance of a pamphlet on the necessity of having a will. This booklet will be distributed on a state-wide basis. Other pamphlets and public relation programs are being planned and will appear during the year.

3. *The State Bar Act.* A long form bill to incorporate the state bar has been prepared by the committee. It is being mailed to every lawyer in the state for criticism. The revised bill will be introduced in the legislature in January.

4. *Judicial Reform.* While the judicial salary bill was passed by the special session of the legislature, it was only a portion of our entire program. Other features of the program include bills for a judicial council,

bills for the non-partisan selection of judges, bills for elimination of the justice of peace system, and bills for integration and simplification of the court system. All of these bills will be introduced in the legislature in January.

5. *A Vigorous Program Against Unauthorized Practice of Law.* The committee has been reactivated and will have funds to institute a planned campaign against unauthorized practice. Some agreements are now before the committee, and the Supreme Court has been requested to extend the power and authority of the committee by rule of court.

6. *Executive Secretary.* A full-time executive secretary has been employed by the Denver Bar and Colorado Bar Associations. The secretary will work for both associations and will have a bar association office. He will, in addition to his secretarial duties, assist the committees.

7. *Publications.*

(a) The decisions of the Colorado Supreme Court are now coming to you weekly within five days after the decision is released. These decisions are the full complete text of the opinion.

(b) Arrangements have now been completed whereby the *Rocky Mountain Law Review* will be edited by the University of Colorado and the University of Denver, assisted by the bar associations. The Review will be slanted to problems of particular, practical significance to Colorado lawyers. This review will come to you without further cost and as a part of your dues.

(c) It is probable that a fast, complete legislative service will be inaugurated for the coming legislative session. Details on this part of the program are yet to be worked out.

8. *Revision of Forms.* Committees are now working to determine the possibility of standardizing forms of instructions in civil and criminal cases, of real estate transactions, and of court forms. It is hoped that forms devised by these committees will be published in a form book.

9. *Minimum Fee Schedule.* A minimum fee schedule was adopted by the state association in its October meeting. It is planned to broaden this schedule and to bring local schedules into focus with this schedule.

10. *Economic Survey.* A survey of the legal profession in Colorado was undertaken prior to the war. There are many new factors which have entered the picture since then. It is hoped that a new survey can be undertaken this winter to bring that survey up to date.

11. *Criminal Law Revision.* The criminal law, both substantive and procedural, is in a horrible mess in this state. A complete revision of procedural law is now being studied. In addition, bills have been prepared for new parole and probation systems. These bills will be introduced in the 1949 legislature.

12. *Institutes.* The institute program will be expanded. The Junior

Bar Section has already done an excellent job in Denver with its institute on real estate law.

13. *Legal Service Committee.* The legal aid to veterans developed during the war by our association is being continued by this committee. A scheme for a legal reference bureau is being prepared by the committee.

14. *Title Standards.* The association has now adopted fifty-six real estate title standards. The committee is at work on other standards.

This program is not a paper program. Every one of these fourteen subdivisions is past the planning stage and constructive work is now being carried forward. Necessarily, I am limited in this introductory article of discussing each portion of this plan in detail. I hope to do so in subsequent articles.

Wages, Hours and Collective Bargaining To Be Discussed at December Legal Institute

Robert N. Denham, General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, and Reid Williams, Regional Attorney of the Wage and Hour Division, will head the panel of speakers in the first 1948 Legal Institute of the Denver Bar Association to be held at 9:30 a.m. on December 4, 1948 in the auditorium of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co.

As announced in the October issue of DICTA, the Institute will deal with the general subject of labor-management relations, one-half of the program concentrating on the field of collective bargaining, and the other portion of the morning being devoted to aspects of the wage-hour law.

In addition to Mr. Denham on the collective bargaining panel will be Sam Sherman, Denver attorney, representing the viewpoint of management, and William Berg, Jr., Professor of Labor Law at the University of Colorado, who will present labor's objections to the existing act.

On the wage-hour panel, Mr. Williams will be assisted by Richard W. Wright, Denver attorney, associated with the Mountain States Employers Council, and Charles A. Graham, Denver attorney, representing the viewpoint of labor.

In the interpretation of most political commentators, the recent election gave the Administration a mandate to amend the Taft-Hartley act, as well as to raise the minimum wage floor, and these factors should add interest to the Institute's program.

While facilities are not available to accommodate the general public, members of the bar are invited to bring along friends and clients who may be interested in the area of discussion.