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Calendar

- April 7—Denver Bar Association regular monthly meeting, 12:15 P. M., Chamber of Commerce dining room. Dr. Robert L. Stearns, of the Colorado bar, president of the University of Colorado, will speak on the subject, "A Little Light on the Sun."
- April 9—Denver Bar Association dinner honoring members who have been engaged in the practice fifty years or more, 7:30 P. M., University Club. Henry McAllister speaker, Henry H. Clark, toastmaster.
- May 5—Denver Bar Association annual meeting and election of officers, 12:15 P.M., Chamber of Commerce dining room. This is the last regular monthly meeting until fall.
- June 7—Colorado and Denver Bar Associations one-day institute on planning and administration of estates, Shirley-Savoy Hotel, Denver. Carl B. Rix, president of the American Bar Association will be the speaker at the evening dinner.

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On Saturday, June 7, 1947, the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations will hold a special one-day meeting at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel in Denver featuring a legal institute on planning and administration of estates, climaxed by a banquet Saturday night at which Carl B. Rix, President of the American Bar Association will be the principal speaker.

The subject of trusts and estates has been chosen for this institute on the assumption that an important part of the work of the average practicing lawyer is the drafting of wills and trusts or in the administration of estates, and that a discussion of some of the principal problems should be of benefit not only to attorneys but also to their clients.

It was felt that most discussions of this kind lose much of their value to the average lawyer because the fact situations chosen involve estates larger and more complicated than are encountered in everyday practice. For this reason, the institute has been planned around an estate situation which might be encountered by almost any attorney in any town or city in Colorado.

It is proposed to take a hypothetical client with a hypothetical estate and to discuss, first, the plan of an estate for such client together with the form of will, trust, or other instrument that might be used to carry out the plan; and second, the administration of the estate after the client's death.

The fact situation to be discussed will be an approximation of the typical estate and typical family relationship of any average business or professional man. Principal consideration will be given to the problem of best providing for the future needs of the family should the client die before accumulating any additional assets.

The morning session will be devoted to a panel discussion of the problems involved in planning the estate so as to obtain the maximum benefit to the widow and children. The panel will be comprised of Edward King, dean of the University of Colorado Law School, Wilson Hurt, professor at the University of Denver Law School and a third member who will be an attorney engaged in general law practice. Morrison Shafroth will be the moderator.

Judge C. Edgar Kettering of the County Court of Denver will be the principal speaker at the noon luncheon. He will point out some of the major pitfalls to be avoided in probate proceedings.

The afternoon session will consist of a series of brief talks on the problems of administering this same client's estate by lawyers with wide experience and experts in this field. These discussions will be limited to the practical side of estate administration—how to do what, when, and why.

Following the afternoon session will be the informal dinner for members, wives, husbands, ladies and escorts, at which we shall have an opportunity to meet and hear our American Bar Association president. Judge Orie L. Phillips will be toastmaster.

Be sure to save the entire day of June 7 and plan to attend this meeting. Watch for further announcements in DICTA, and make reservations early.

Plan for Reorganization of the Judicial System of Minnesota †

By M. J. DOHERTY*

From a study of the trend of judicial reform in this country and England over the last century, it will be found that practically every comprehensive plan for bettering the administration of justice has centered around one or more of four major principles: (1) unification or integration of the courts; (2) administrative organization and control; (3) enlargement of the rule-

†An address before the State Bar Association of Minnesota. This address is reprinted, with permission, because of its timeliness in connection with the work of the Colorado Bar Association Judiciary Committee in its study of the Colorado judicial organization.

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