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## Calendar

November 4—Denver Bar Association regular monthly meeting, 12:15 P. M., Chamber of Commerce dining room.

December 2—Denver Bar Association regular monthly meeting, 12:15 P. M., Chamber of Commerce dining room.

## The Judiciary Committee

By PHILIP S. VAN CISE, Chairman

We are pleased to announce that former District and Juvenile Judge Stanley H. Johnson has honored us by accepting the position of executive secretary of the committee. Since leaving the district bench, Judge Johnson has been one of the trust officers of the International Trust Company of Denver. He is leaving that position to engage in private practice at 714 Ernest & Cranmer Building, Denver, and will devote half his time to the work of the Judiciary Committee.

The committee now has its headquarters in 727 Ernest & Cranmer Building, 17th and Curtis Streets, Denver. The telephone number is CHerry 1384. We ask that all lawyers interested in the work of the committee call and get acquainted and give us their suggestions. We have a most efficient stenographer, Marshall Shireman, a law student at Westminster Law School. He is the son of John W. Shireman, prominent Denver lawyer, and served in the army as a master sergeant, as secretary to various American and British general officers of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, in Europe.

We are now really organized.

The following outline of our plan will be sent to all Committee members. If you desire additional copies, please advise us.

### Work of the Judiciary Committee—Its Job

The Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association selected a chairman of the Judiciary Committee, told him to select his own committee and submit to the association a plan for non-partisan judiciary and in connection therewith a plan for any needed reorganization of the Colorado judiciary.

### **The Judiciary Committee Organization**

It has three main committees: Coordinating, Finance, and Executive. The Coordinating Committee is composed of 9 members, 4 of one political party and 5 of the other. It generally supervises the entire work. The Finance Committee has the shortest job. As soon as it raises \$25,000—\$15,000 of this from the bar—its work will be finished. The Executive Committee is the state fact-finding organization. So far as practicable it has at least one member from each county. Each judicial district has a chairman who is ex-officio member of the various sub-committees of the Executive Committee. These are: Non-Partisan, Supreme Court, District Court, County Court, Juvenile Court, Justice Court, and Publicity.

### **Its Plan**

The committee is committed to only one plan: a non-partisan judiciary and the best judicial system for Colorado. How this will be achieved, what, if anything, it will deem best for any court reorganization in connection therewith, no member of the committee can say. It must first get facts, then study them, then work out a plan and submit it to all the lawyers as well as many laymen for suggestions and criticism. When these are received, the final draft will be evolved and submitted to the legislature. We hope to have the initial draft ready at the 1947 annual meeting of the Colorado Bar Association.

### **The Needed Facts**

These are two-fold:

1. To secure all facts as to the judicial system in each of the forty-eight states and the British Commonwealths. To find what changes, if any, have been made in their courts in the last thirty years, and what parts of their statutes, if any, are suitable to Colorado. The investigation work and study will be made by the executive office force and will then be submitted to the various committees.

2. What defects, if any, there are in our judicial system. How much work is done by each judge of the courts of record and justices of the peace? What are their salaries or fees? What are the good and bad points and defects, if any, in each court in Colorado? What improvements, if any, are needed? How much work has each court and judge done annually for the last ten years. This study will be made by the committees in each judicial district.

When these two sets of facts are obtained, analyzed, and a plan made, it will be submitted to the Colorado Bar Association. This will only be a plan and will not become final until approved by the bar association or its Board of Governors. Thereafter, it will be submitted to the legislature and any constitutional amendments to the people of Colorado.

This is the problem of the entire bar association. We want your help, suggestions, criticisms. Any ideas that any members of the bar have will be carefully considered.

**Finances**

As of October 7, the following districts have gone over the top with their quotas from the Finance Committee:

Ninth District (Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco counties), Frank Delaney, chairman.

Tenth District (Crowley, Otero and Pueblo counties), Robert S. Gast, chairman.

Thirteenth District (Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma counties), George A. Epperson, chairman.

Fifteenth District (Baca, Bent, Kiowa and Prowers counties), A. A. Arraj, chairman.

It is expected that the names of all contributors will be published in the next issue of *Dicta*.

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MAURICE R. EVENSON, capt., Air Corps, served from Aug. 1942 to May 1946 as legal officer, claims officer and trial judge advocate in the continental United States. He has returned to private practice in association with Harry S. Petersen, Thatcher Building, Pueblo.