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Migration of lawyers is becoming increasingly difficult; admission to the bar on motion is rapidly disappearing especially on the Pacific Coast. Until a few years ago, lawyers from foreign states who had practiced from five to ten years were readily admitted on motion; under the present regulations of the State Bar of California, a foreign lawyer must make formal application for permission to take what is termed the "lawyers' bar examination," he must reside in the state for at least three months, must furnish credentials and file a questionnaire giving his detailed history from the time he entered high school, and must submit to written examination lasting an entire day and covering the general law of the country as well as California procedure and practice and the various California Codes which now number 23. He must have practiced law continuously for the preceding five years. It is said that 68% of applicants fail in the examination which requires a grade of 70%. The sum of \$100 must accompany each application. A national organization is employed to make investigation of each lawyer applicant and not infrequently applicants are rejected and denied the privilege of taking the examination.

Examinations are held simultaneously in San Francisco and Los Angeles; special classes for lawyers are conducted by university instructors and very intense preparation is made for these examinations. The courses given by these instructors are so interesting and instructive that practicing California lawyers avail themselves of opportunities to review their legal studies. Three Denver lawyers took the September examination.

It is said that the Nevada bar has raised such barriers that it is exceedingly difficult for a foreign lawyer to obtain a license to practice in that state.

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