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## The Junior Bar at War

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The Colorado Junior Bar is, as is the National Junior Bar, making its greatest contribution to the war through the actual military service of its members. Most of the fighting men of this war are of junior bar age and a large number of the members of the junior bar are in the military forces of this country. Almost all of the active leaders of the junior bar and the men who have been the key persons in the organization are in military service. The organized activities of the junior bar are of necessity being carried forward by men who have been deferred for one of several grounds, from active military service. However, there is an active and organized junior bar program which is making substantial contributions to the war efforts of the organized bar.

The National Junior Bar is represented by the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association. This organization is in its tenth year of existence, having been organized in Milwaukee in 1934.

The Colorado Junior Bar Conference was organized in 1938, and consisted of the members of the American Bar Association under the age of thirty-six residing in the state of Colorado. In 1941 this organization became the Junior Bar Section of the Colorado Bar Association and since that time has continued as a section of the Colorado Bar Association. The ability of this organization to carry out a state junior bar program has been seriously hampered by the fact that so many of its members are in military service. However, the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association, which is largely an organization which coordinates and assists in state junior bar programs, has a very active war program and the young lawyers residing in Colorado are taking part in this program. The three principal portions of the National Junior Bar program in which Colorado is cooperating are: war readjustment, improving the administration of traffic courts, and legal assistance to the armed forces.

The war readjustment program has to do with the problems created by the entry into and the return from military service of young lawyers. This committee made a survey of the various things that could be done in this respect and made a report to all of the state and local bar associations in the country. Many of the suggestions of this committee with respect to the problems arising at the time of the entrance of the lawyer into military service have not, up to this time seemed par-

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ticularly applicable to the problems existing in Colorado, and have therefore not received any particular attention here.

However, John R. Clark, President of the Colorado Bar Association, has appointed a committee of the association on post-war planning. This committee has considered the report of the war readjustment committee as it deals with the problems of the lawyer returning from service. There has been tentatively appointed a subcommittee of this committee to consider the various suggestions made by the war readjustment committee. These suggestions have to do with various kinds of public and private announcements to be made upon the return to practice of a lawyer in military service and the urging upon clients of the lawyer who was in military service that they return to their lawyer who was in service. Suggestions also are made with respect to the furnishing of office space to the returning lawyer for a limited period, the access to law libraries, assistance in the building up or filling in of law libraries, loans and financial grants to the returning lawyer, and the dissemination by publications or institutes of material changes in the law during the period of the war.

### **Compendium of Laws**

The Committee on Legal Assistance to the armed forces first prepared a compendium of laws and forms relating to property rights, including conveyances and wills. This compendium relating to Colorado laws has been prepared and edited by Colorado lawyers and will shortly be published. This compendium is for the primary use of the legal assistance officers at the various army posts, so that these legal assistance officers may be able to give proper advice on commonly recurring problems to the men at their posts. A second compendium is now in preparation with reference to the domestic problems of the men and women in military service. The primary responsibility for the preparation of this compendium will be upon the War Emergency Committee. However, in every state the remaining members of the junior bar will be called upon and will give their active assistance in the preparation of the compendium.

The improvement of the administration of courts handling traffic cases is not only a war problem, but will be a continuing problem probably for many years to come. It has a direct connection with the war, however, in that the saving of lives and time by the elimination of traffic accidents will save manpower for war power. The Colorado Bar Association has appointed a Committee on Traffic Courts. There was held on January 11 in Denver a Colorado Traffic Courts Conference. This conference was sponsored by the National Junior Bar Conference, the Colorado Bar Association, the Denver Bar Association, the

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