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## Bar Integration

"The integrated bar has existed for eleven years in South Dakota. It has proved to be an institution of great value both to the legal profession and to the public. It has brought together all of the practicing lawyers of the state into one organization. Every lawyer, knowing that he is and must be a member of the State Bar, has been forced to accept responsibility for the betterment of his profession. The State Bar has attempted to encourage study on the part of its members relative to the intricate subjects which are embraced in the work of the profession. The individual lawyer has become not only a thinker but a worker in the cause.

"The bar standards for admission have been raised constantly and thus a better type of service has been assured the public. The integrated bar has created an increased respect for high ethical standards in the entire profession. Lawyers are judged and rated by the public and their brother lawyers more for ethical standards than for ability. An organization of lawyers which does not require ethical standards of its members, and which does not speedily and adequately punish transgressors, regardless of their importance, has but little reason for existence. A lax organization simply impresses on the mind of the layman and the public the erroneous impression that lawyers generally condone the acts of the offending member of the profession." Excerpt from *A Study of Bar Organizations in South Dakota*, by Allen G. Wilson.