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We noticed in the January issue of the District of Columbia Bar Association JOURNAL that Judge Wiley Rutledge of the United States Court of Appeals was to address that association on January 13 on the subject, "The Written Brief from the Point of View of a Judge of the Court of Appeals." Now to many of you, that may not be of particular interest, but to us it is very important. You see, years ago the judge used to teach us Torts, *et cetera, et cetera*, and it is highly gratifying to know that we then gave him such good training that he has been able to advance to his high office and be permitted to speak to those august lawyers in the nation's capitol. Not only that, but we are sure that the preliminary material for his subject was acquired from our tort briefs which we copied out of somebody else's notebook.

Donald M. Lesher, who was recently injured in an airplane crash while serving with the navy, has returned to Denver, where he plans to practice law. He was admitted to the bar last year.

The state bar association's committee on national defense has been preparing a manual for use by all state bar associations on the methods and procedure to be used in setting up local and state committees and on the machinery and functions to be developed by these committees. Work of drafting the manual has been undertaken by John L. Zanoni of Denver, chairman of the committee, with the help of Fraser Arnold of Denver, regional chairman of the national bar committee. This manual will be sent out by the national committee on defense of the American Bar Association to all states in the Union.

COLORADO BAR CALENDAR

February 2	Meeting of Denver Bar Association
February 14	Meeting Junior Bar Section at Denver
February 20-21	Institute at Glenwood Springs
February 28	Institute at Greeley
March 2, 3	Meeting of House of Delegates, A. B. A., Chicago
March	Institute at Loveland
March	Institute at Colorado Springs
April	Law Day, University of Colorado
May	Institute and Fish Fry, Monte Vista

New Rules for the District Courts

The proposed new rules for use in the Denver district courts are now in substantially final form and perhaps will have been adopted before this issue of DICTA is delivered.

The Colorado District Judges Association has been working for some time on the formulation of new rules in the hope that those rules, outside of Denver, might be made uniform. Because of the greater number of judges in Denver and the use of the master docket, the rules in Denver must necessarily deviate somewhat. It was hoped that this program might have been advanced at the judge's association meeting scheduled for January 9 in Glenwood Springs and the Denver judges had delayed the adoption of the new Denver rules until after that date. However, because of the weather (the censor says we can now let out the secret), many of the judges could not be present, and the meeting was therefore indefinitely postponed.

The expected adoption of the new rules by the Denver judges at their meeting on January 13 was delayed when a committee of the bar met with the judges and asked for further consideration of the rule on pre-trial conferences. The committee felt that the pre-trial conference should be held before the case was placed on the master docket. Judge Robert W. Steele was appointed by the judges, as a committee of one to confer with the bar committee.

Some change has been made in the operation of the master docket which it is hoped will save the time of attorneys. A jury will be called on alternate fortnights, that is, there will be two weeks of jury cases, then two weeks of court cases and so on. A full call of the master docket will be had only once, the second Monday, in each term, at which time all attorneys having cases will be expected to be present. At that time all cases will be given a trial order number. Other cases may be added until the next full call. No individual notices will be given to attorneys of the full call, but when other calls of the docket are made during the term, only the top twenty-five cases will be called each time, and the attorneys affected will be given notice of the call by the clerk. Unless notified, attorneys need not be present at the secondary calls.

The next full call of the master docket will be on January 26. In addition to this, full calls will be had at the beginning of the April and September terms.

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