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This issue of *Dicta* contains the first Section devoted exclusively to the Colorado Bar Association activities and news items. It is being distributed to the entire membership of the State Bar of about 1100 members, and is supplied as an additional service to the members of the Association as a part of your membership without extra charge. *Dicta* has already attained national recognition among the profession as one of the best of monthly legal periodicals. The publication of this additional section should add materially to its value and interest among the lawyers of Colorado.

MESSAGES AND GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENTS OF STATE AND LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS

*From G. DEXTER BLOUNT, President Colorado Bar
Association*

UN**TIL** this issue of *DICTA*, Colorado Bar Association never published nor joined in the publication of a journal. It has had no effective means of communicating regularly with its members.

Shortly after the present administration of the Association took office a committee was appointed, with Mr. Wilbur

F. Denious as Chairman, to investigate and report upon the feasibility of the Association rendering such a service to its members. This committee considered the monthly publication of a periodical by the Association (1) alone, (2) in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Law Review published by the Law School of the University of Colorado, (3) as a part of DICTA, or the use of The Daily Journal of Denver for official announcements. The committee favored the publication of the journal as a part of DICTA. This decision was approved by the Board of Governors. Another committee, of which Mr. William E. Hutton was Chairman, then made arrangements with the officials of Denver Bar Association whereby a section of DICTA will be used as the monthly periodical of Colorado Bar Association without extra charge to the members of either Association.

The officials of Colorado Bar Association hope that the action taken will meet the approval of its members and that the contents of DICTA will prove to be increasingly interesting, entertaining and informative.

Since the Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs last September, the officers have been busy constructing the reorganization of the Association in conformity with the amended By-Laws. Among other accomplishments, in addition to routine work, are the following: The arduous task of preparing and printing a report of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting has been given primary consideration and, as a result, the report was printed and distributed to the members in December. The publication of a periodical was provided for, as above stated. The ten standing committees and about ten special committees were carefully selected and are performing their duties satisfactorily. Plans have been perfected to attempt to procure legislation at the incoming session of the General Assembly authorizing the Supreme Court of Colorado to adopt modern rules of practice and procedure similar to those provided for the United States District Courts. Details are being worked out for the establishment of Legal Institutes to be conducted, maybe quarterly, along practical lines in each Congressional District, and possibly in each Judicial District, under the leadership of President-Elect William R. Kelly, and as similar Legal Institutes are being conducted now with outstanding success in other States.

Probably the accomplishment most beneficial to individual members of the Association, particularly those residing elsewhere than in Denver, has been the opening and maintenance of a Secretary's Office in the Capitol Building in charge of Mr. Fred Y. Holland, Secretary of the Association. He is not only ready and willing, but has begun, to render numerous gratuitous services for members in obtaining for them information readily available in the Supreme Court Library, and elsewhere in the Capitol Building, in response to inquiries by letter or telephone. During the recent political campaign the officers, with the approval of the Board of Governors and the cooperation of some of the affiliated Associations, actively, vigorously and effectively urged the non-adoption of the constitutional amendment appearing on the ballot as No. 2, sponsored by certain chiropractors and facetiously called the "Health Freedom Amendment." This was done primarily for the reason that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Colorado, if adopted, would have disrupted important features of the governmental structure of the State and interfered with the licensing and regulation of lawyers and members of other professions.

The President and Secretary have visited four of the Local Associations where they were delightfully received and hospitably entertained. They expect to visit elsewhere in the State during the next few months.

On November 13 the President, President-Elect and Secretary attended an important conference of 29 officials of the State Bar Associations located in the Eighth and Tenth Circuits of the United States Circuit Courts of Appeals, where they received much valuable information with reference to the promotion of Bar Association activities and the advancement of the best interests of lawyers and the public in improving the administration of justice. The information so obtained should greatly aid the officers of Colorado Bar Association in developing and carrying out their plans for its future.

The officers of the Association are gratified with the fine spirit of cooperation being shown by the committeemen, the officers of the affiliated Associations, and generally by the members of the Association throughout the state.

From ARCHIBALD A. LEE, President, The Denver Bar Association

To The Colorado Bar Association, on behalf of The Denver Bar Association, I extend congratulations on its successful reorganization, and best wishes for a long and vigorous life.

In these days of change and multiplying organizations, closer co-operation among the members of this ancient profession can and should be made to promote the general welfare. I know that I speak for the full membership in stating that The Denver Bar Association will continue to cooperate generously and cordially for the common benefit.

Further evidence of our participation may be seen in the arrangements which have been concluded to publish a Colorado Bar section in Dicta, which has attained a high standing in the legal periodical field. This section should add materially to the value of Dicta to all Colorado lawyers.

From LEON H. SNYDER, President El Paso County Bar Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado

The members of the El Paso County Bar Association are very much pleased to learn that arrangements have been made to publish a Colorado Bar Association section in "Dicta". We feel that this plan of operation is the best possible arrangement which could have been made. If "Dicta" has lacked anything in the past it will be supplied by the section devoted to the entire Bar of Colorado, and certainly we who are outside of Denver will gain greatly by having the benefit of the complete publication.

We look forward to the new edition with interest and anticipation. The editors have our sincere appreciation and best wishes. We will be glad to cooperate in every way possible to insure the continued success of the undertaking.

From ALFRED TODD, President Southeastern Colorado Bar Association, Lamar, Colorado

I am in receipt of your announcement of the forthcoming "Colorado Bar Section" to appear in "Dicta", and I desire most heartily to commend this worthwhile enterprise.

This will, I believe, prove another step in the direction of stimulating general interest among attorneys all over the State in the affairs of our State and local Bar Associations. The reorganization of our State Association that was effected this year was a splendid accomplishment for the Bar of Colorado, and your present project would appear to be right in line with it.

From JAMES M. NOLAND, President Southwestern Colorado Bar Association, Durango, Colorado

The Colorado Bar Association is to be congratulated upon the opportunity presented to it for publication of a regular section in "Dicta". It should prove of great value in strengthening the new ties which were formed between the state and local associations at the recent meeting in Colorado Springs, and I am certain that I bespeak the sentiments of all our Southwestern Colorado members in assuring you our heartiest cooperation in this new venture.

From CHARLES E. SABIN, President Otero County Bar Association, La Junta, Colorado

I have your letter of December 2nd, It seems to me that the publication of news and personal items concerning the Colorado Bar Association and its members in "Dicta" is a very good one, and I am sure will meet with the approval and appreciation of the members of the Otero County Bar Association.

From LEONARD M. HAYNIE, President San Luis Valley Bar Association, Alamosa, Colorado

The publication of a Colorado Bar Association section in Dicta is an excellent idea. It will increase the circulation of a very credible legal publication and add credit and distinction to a revived State Bar Association. San Luis Valley members will welcome such a plan and wish you well in the enterprise. May this step ahead, together with the progress

made by the Association in the past few months, carry on into the New Year and increase as time passes.

From WILLIAM O. DESOUCHET, President Boulder County Bar Association, Boulder, Colorado

Boulder County Bar Association was one of the first of the local associations to approve the new plan of affiliation with the state association. One of the inducements cited was the possibility of a monthly publication in conjunction with an already established law periodical.

You may consider this an expression of our gratitude to the officers of the Colorado Bar Association on their industry in bringing our hopes to such an early realization. Our good wishes and cooperation attend you in your venture, which we feel is also ours.

From THOMAS J. WARREN, President Larimer County Bar Association, Fort Collins, Colorado

We think the proposed plan to publish a section devoted to the Colorado Bar Association, in "Dicta", is admirable. "Dicta", is a publication of high quality and nationally recognized. It is most generous of that publication to allow the Colorado Bar Association space in its pages, and we feel sure that the publication with the addition of articles and communications from the various local groups will be enthusiastically received throughout the State, and do much toward the development of a higher esprit de corps in the State Bar.

From CHARLES C. TOWNSEND, President The Weld County Bar Association, Greeley, Colorado

Speaking for our local organization, I am pleased to say that your plan to have the particular news and personal items of general interest to the Bar, published in "Dicta" meets with our approval.

The magazine "Dicta" is a splendid publication in itself and with the added items of general interest to our Bar Association, it will be much better than a separate publication confined to our own accomplishments.

I feel certain that this plan will meet with general approval.

KANSAS CITY STATE BAR EXECUTIVES' MEETING

*State and Local Bar Associations in the
Middle West are Active*

Executives of state bar associations of the Eighth and the Tenth Federal Circuits met Sunday, November 13, 1938, at Kansas City, Missouri. Twenty-nine association officers representing nine states attended the conference.

Call of the meeting was issued by R. Allan Stephens, secretary of the Illinois Bar Association. The program was ably led by him, as chairman of the A. B. A. Section of Bar Organization Activities, Burt J. Thompson of Iowa, chairman of the A. B. A. Committee on Organization and Development of Legal Education, and W. E. Stanley of Kansas, active on the council of that section. There was brisk interchange in which all participated.

Forms of state bar organization, post admission legal education, state association activities, younger member activities, books, forms, legal aid, and economic surveys were canvassed with live interest.

Colorado was represented by President G. Dexter Blount as its spokesman, Secretary Fred Y. Holland, and President-elect William R. Kelly. Much valuable information on making associations useful and of interest to members was obtained. Not the least were more service to the individual member, and legal institutes, a development already of marked success in Iowa, Kansas, and Illinois.

WILLIAM R. KELLY, *President-Elect.*

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

*Non-Lawyer Applicants Must Take Examination Before
I. C. C.*

On August 11, 1938, the Interstate Commerce Commission announced that it had determined that all applicants for admission to practice before it who were not attorneys at law admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States or the highest court of any state shall be admitted only upon written examination, in order that the applicant may show that he is "possessed of the necessary legal and technical qualifications to enable him to render valuable service before the Commission and is otherwise competent to advise and assist in the presentation of matters before the Commission."