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## U. S. Supreme Court Has First Case on Unauthorized Practice of Law on Its Docket

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day when technicalities have been wiped out of criminal court procedure, when witnesses may no longer feel the intimidation of gangsters or of gangster attorneys. I hope we may look forward to the day when the law enforcement official is paid a salary commensurate with his efforts and at the fading of the trail, may he be granted the honor, respect and remuneration due him as a reward for long and valiant service in the interests of honesty, and the peace and happiness and safety of America.

I thank you.

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U. S. SUPREME COURT HAS FIRST CASE ON  
UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW  
ON ITS DOCKET

An appeal from a decision of the Supreme Court of Kansas on a case to suppress unauthorized practice of the law, has been docketed in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The question may turn not on the alleged practice of law on part of a credit men's association, however, but as to whether a state court could properly interfere with the association's activity in relation to cases in bankruptcy.

The Kansas Court found the Wichita Association of Credit Men was guilty of unlawful practice of law in four particulars:

1. In collecting claims by preparing and filing suits and intervening petitions, although the actual conduct of litigation was placed in attorney's hands if collection could not be effected.

2. In collecting the fees for attorneys' service in such cases, retaining part of the fees before settling with the lawyers.

3. In soliciting claims and powers of attorney in bankruptcy cases, electing the association manager as trustee, and collecting claims turned over to it by the manager-trustee.

4. Conducting liquidations for business firms without bankruptcy, handling and adjusting their claims, furnishing contract forms and giving advice in connection with the liquidations.

The appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court is questioned on the ground that the Supreme Court of Kansas had no jurisdiction over the activities of the credit men's association pertaining to proceedings in bankruptcy. It is the contention of the association that it could not legally be deprived of compensation as provided in its contracts with various members for attempting to make collections prior to litigation.

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PAGE O. ROY COHEN!

Easter Lily is a defendant in a recent J. P. case. It's a "he" and he is a "gen'mun ob color."