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BAR PRIMARY REPORT

June 20, 1930

Judge John H. Denison, President,
Denver Bar Association,
Equitable Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your Judiciary Committee begs leave to report that following the adoption of the formal report of the Committee, dated May 7th by the membership of the Denver Bar Association at a noonday meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, your Committee, on May 25th sent to each member of the Denver Bar a copy of the Committee's formal report with the request that nominations of candidates for the district bench of this County be submitted in writing not later than five o'clock P.M. on May 21st, 1930.

Within the time named seventy-six candidates were nominated and on the same day, May 21st, a letter was sent to each asking for a written acceptance or rejection of the nomination. Just twenty-five of the seventy-six accepted the nominations.

On May 24th the Committee mailed Bar Primary Ballot No. 1 to all resident Denver lawyers, requiring them to vote for seven candidates and that ballots be returned to the Secretary by five o'clock P. M. on May 28th.

Five hundred ninety-three votes were cast on Ballot No. 1 and two candidates having tied for fifteenth place, Ballot No. 2 was prepared with sixteen candidates' names requiring that it be returned to the Secretary by noon June 3, 1930.

Six hundred eight-five votes were cast on Ballot No. 2, resulting in the elimination of six candidates. The final ballot contained the names of ten candidates to be returned to the Secretary not later than ten o'clock A. M. on June 7, 1930.

Seven hundred one ballots were cast and the following in alphabetical order were the seven highest of the ten candidates voted for: E. V. Holland, Frank McDonough, Sr., Charles C. Sackman, Fred W. Sanborn, Sr., James C. Starkweather, Robert W. Steele, Barnwell S. Stuart.

Your Committee therefore reports that the seven candidates above named represent the choice of the Denver Bar for election to the District Court of the City and County of Denver.

It is the belief of the Committee that in the Bar Primary so conducted, the Denver lawyers as a whole expressed their choices in the non-partisan spirit in which the plan for this Bar Primary was prepared, as is indicated by the fact that when the candidates were reduced to ten in number, five were Republicans and five were Democrats, and of the seven selected as the final choice of the Bar, three are Democrats and four are Republicans.

The Committee recommends that the Denver Bar further pursue its determination to have a non-partisan Judiciary by exerting themselves to secure the nomination and election of the seven candidates chosen by the Bar Primary.

The Judiciary Committee, finding that one of their number was a candidate at the Bar Primary formally appointed a Bar Primary Committee consisting of the following, D. W. Strickland, Chairman, William E. Hutton, Ira C. Rothgerber and Richard H. Hart. This Committee conducted the entire Bar Primary.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) D. W. STRICKLAND,
Chairman, Judiciary Committee.