

# Denver Law Review

---

Volume 3 | Issue 5

Article 3

---

January 1926

## To the Older Members

Denver Bar Association Record

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.du.edu/dlr>

---

### Recommended Citation

To the Older Members, 3 Denv. B.A. Rec. 3 (1926).

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Denver Law Review at Digital Commons @ DU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Denver Law Review by an authorized editor of Digital Commons @ DU. For more information, please contact [jennifer.cox@du.edu](mailto:jennifer.cox@du.edu), [dig-commons@du.edu](mailto:dig-commons@du.edu).

---

## To the Older Members

## *To the Older Members*

You were a young lawyer once. It is hard to remember that fact after so many years. Your hair is not so thick as it was then, and gray is becoming more and more in evidence. A number of times—you may as well admit it frankly—you have had the buttons on your vest changed to accommodate your ever-expanding waist-line. It is undeniable that you are getting along in years. Honors have come to you. You have that comfortable feeling that attends hard-won and merited success.

Pause a few moments and recall earlier days. In the infancy of the Bar Association there were none more active than you. And don't you remember, back in the eighties or nineties, with what admiration, almost amounting to awe, you looked upon the veterans of the bar—those heroes of many a hard-fought battle in the courts—and longed for the time when you also would enjoy such eminence in the profession? And when, at some meeting of lawyers, a happy chance seated you next to one of those battle-scarred veterans, and he chatted with you, not in a patronizing way, but familiarly, as lawyer to brother lawyer, and displayed a genuine interest in you and your prospects, don't you recall how you glowed with pleasure? And don't you remember how, during the conversa-

tion, he said things that aroused in you the ambition and determination to excel? And how he inspired you with a zeal that brought the success that is yours today? When you are in a reminiscent mood, you love to tell about it, and to do him honor, and when he passes over the great divide you will revere his memory.

What that other lawyer was to you, you may be to the young lawyer of today. You will meet him at the Bar Association luncheons, if you will attend. It is a splendid opportunity. Don't neglect it. You owe it to others to be there. You owe it to yourself, for the pleasure and profit will by no means be all on one side.

The dinners at the Inns of Court account in no small degree for the *esprit de corps* of the English Bar. Now that you have reached the summit, do not forget those who are toiling upward. They look to you for the encouragement and the inspiration that your friendly association with them will bring. Do not withhold that help. To give it will cost but little effort on your part. Come and enjoy the experience. In association with the young you will discover, if it is to be found at all, that which Ponce de Leon sought, but sought in vain, the magic fountain of perpetual youth.

### THE PUBLIC DEFENDER A CONTRAST

In January, 1925, the Governor of Colorado, in an address to the legislature, declared that he was opposed to the public defender idea. The deplorable results of the adoption of any bill creating the office of public defender were pictured by the Governor in the following words, well calculated to strike terror to the hearts of the timid:

"When the taxpayer is called upon to provide lawyers to defend, as well as to prosecute, violators of the law (sic!), it may next be urged that tools with which crimes may be better committed should be furnished at the expense of the state."

No such dismal forebodings afflict the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. From the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, for March, 1926, we quote the following words written by Chief Justice Taft:

"I think that we shall have to come, and ought to come, to the creation in every criminal court, of the office of public defender, and that he should be paid out of the treasury of the county or the State."

### THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

We call the attention of the members of this Association, who have been admitted to the Bar for three years or more, to the desirability of making application for membership in the American Bar Association, in view of its approaching meeting in this city in July.

The annual dues are \$6, which entitles a member to a year's subscription to the monthly publication known as the American Bar Association Journal.

No doubt, membership in the national organization will be advantageous in obtaining admission to some of the sessions of that Association here in July.

You may obtain applications from Wilbur F. Denious, Equitable Bldg., who will advise you how to proceed in applying for membership.

Was it a mere coincidence, or was it the psychological effect of impending dissolution, that the last case decided by our first Court of Appeals (1905) was the Coffin case. (Coffin vs. Johnson, 20 Colo. App. 567).