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## Professional Ethics Committee Report

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## *Professional Ethics Committee Report*

Your committee on Professional Ethics respectfully submits its report for the year 1925-1926.

The membership of the Committee has been as follows:

Richard H. Hart,  
Ralph G. Lindstrom,  
Robert J. Pitkin,  
Carle Whitehead,  
Edward D. Upham, Chairman.

Previously to the appointment of this Committee it does not appear that any similar committee of the Association has functioned in any way. Mr. Jacob V. Schaetzel, then Secretary of the Association, in February and March, 1925, referred a question as to what might be proper professional advertising to the Committee on Professional Ethics and Grievances of the American Bar Association. (See Denver Bar Association Record, July, 1925). That may have indicated either a desire for outside unprejudiced consideration or a distrust of local talent. It probably actually meant that a local committee, if in existence at all, was not on active duty.

The present Committee was not called upon to act until February, 1926, when a question was submitted touching an attorney's duty to one not a client asking for information. The case presented and the Committee's opinion appear in the Record for April, 1926. There have been to date, July

1, 1926, three other occasions upon which the Committee's opinions have been sought. In each case a full report has been made to the President and published in the Record. Altogether the Committee has held five meetings.

Since the duties of the Committee were indeterminate, except as indicated by its name, it had to define its own jurisdiction and procedure. The rules adopted appear in the Record for April, 1926. They are in a general way patterned after those of The New York County Lawyers' Association Committee on Professional Ethics. It is hoped they will be of service to future committees of this Association.

The Chairman of the Committee would emphasize the debt the Association is under to Mr. Richard H. Hart, whose investigations furnished the foundations for these rules, and to Mr. Robert J. Pitkin and Mr. Carle Whitehead, by whom they were formulated.

Memoranda have been kept of the proceedings of the Committee. They include the questions submitted and the Committee's opinions thereon. These records will be delivered to the Chairman of the Committee's successor.

For the Committee,

EDWARD D. UPHAM,  
Chairman.

## *Report of Membership Committee*

The Membership Committee as originally appointed for the year 1925-1926 was composed of Hugh McLean, C. E. Wampler, Jack G. Scott and J. S. Sollers in addition to the chairman. Since Mr. Wampler was unable to serve and it was felt that a larger committee was needed Gail Ireland was appointed to fill the vacancy and Robert D. Charlton and David L. Mills were added to the Committee and an active campaign for new members was begun in September, 1925.

The Committee is pleased to report that a total of 48 new members was added to the Association's membership during the year ending July 1, 1926.

and that the applications of four lawyers await the action of the new Committee.

All applications approved by the Committee were acted upon favorably when submitted to the Association.

As a result of the experience gained by the Committee and acting upon the president's suggestion certain amendments respecting membership in the Association have been drafted and lodged with the Secretary for action by the Executive Committee and the Association.

In brief the proposed amendments provide for a distinction between resident and non-resident members; that