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## Report of Membership Committee

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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

applications shall be acted upon by the Membership Committee after the names of the applicants have been sent by mail to all members and have been posted in the Court House, then submitted for the approval of the Executive Committee, two negative votes rejecting in either case; that the Membership Committee be made elective and consist of seven members; that for members of the bar of less than three years standing there be no dues, that the dues of members of from three to ten years be \$6.00 and over ten years, \$10.00, and that the dues of non-resident members be \$3.00 per year.

While it is admitted that the proposed amendments would make a decided departure in the policies of the Association it is believed that they are sound and should be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN MOORE.

Chairman.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

*The incoming board of editors acknowledges its obligation to the outgoing board for having furnished ready for the printer substantially all the material and articles appearing in this issue. It would have been impossible for the new board to have prepared this issue in the short time since its appointment.*

#### STANDARD LAW FEES

Cincinnati lawyers have adopted a uniform price schedule. That is to say, a schedule of minimum fees. Those who can get away with it, because of professional prestige or the client's wealth, will charge more than the schedule rate.

Drawing a will in its simplest form will cost the testator \$10. Filing a suit in the municipal court will cost \$10 to \$25; in the common pleas or superior court, \$50; in the United States district, \$100. A plain divorce for a plain plaintiff will cost \$75. It will be \$50 a day for representing a client before the city council or any

city department, and twice as much before the state legislature. "Curbstone Opinions" will be \$5 per opinion and up.

This plan has been tried in some other cities, but Cincinnati seems more business-like about it. For which you can't blame the lawyers. "A lawyer must live," as one of the Cincinnati attorneys remarks. And now don't go and say "That isn't necessary." A lawyer has as good a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of income as anybody else.

Only one little shadow hangs over the prospects of the Cincinnati bar from now on. A former judge "informally" raises the question whether this action is not in violation of the state and federal anti-trust laws. Maybe the Cincinnati bar should consult a lawyer about it.

—*Berkeley Gazette.*

#### LIBRARY NOTE

The Chairman of the Library Committee advises that a complimentary copy of a new book by Harry Eugene Kelly of Chicago, Illinois, entitled, "Regulation of Physicians By Law" has been received for the Denver Bar Association Library in the Court House. This complimentary copy was sent in response to a letter from the Chairman regarding the purchase of such a book. Mr. Kelly very kindly sent the Association a copy gratuitously.

#### 1926-1927 DUES

The response of many members of the Association to the bills for dues recently sent out has been unusually prompt.

This is the time of the year when our expenses are heaviest and we earnestly urge those members who have not yet remitted to do so at their very earliest convenience.

#### UNANIMOUS JURY

At an inquest on a case of suicide recently held in England the verdict was as follows: "The jury are all of one mind—temporarily insane."

#### TAMED HIM

Jackson: "Did Duffy's widow succeed in breaking his will?"

Johnson: "Yes, long before he died."