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Fellow Lawyers:—

Thought you might be interested in this new rule of the U. S. Civil Service Commission: (Fed. Register, Oct. 25, 1944, p. 12804):

"Any attorney, practicing before the Commission or desiring so to practice, who, in the judgment of the Commission does not possess the requisite qualifications to represent others, or who is lacking in character, integrity, or proper professional conduct, may be disbarred or suspended from practicing before the Commission; and the Commission or its examiners shall have the right to suspend immediately any attorney for contumacy, contempt, or misconduct during the course of any proceeding."

Looks as though we belong to a "heck" of a profession, and that our courts were plenty dumb when we were granted a license, either that, or a lawyer should have the Commission look him over before he accepts a retainer for appearance for a client before the Commission. Can you feel yourself listening to one of those examiners telling you to "Get to 'ell out of here" when he "suspends immediately" your appearing at a hearing for what he rules is "misconduct?" But I guess those Commissioners, Bureaus and Boards of recent years do have us lawyers by the neck! So what about it? Congress seems to be our only remedy.

Sincerely,

WM. G. OWENS,  
President.