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The following statement has been issued by the executive committee:

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in connection with the Frazier-Lemke Bankruptcy Act will doubtless result in the filing of many new petitions. While the law provides that it is not necessary that farmers filing under this law shall appear by attorneys, past history has demonstrated that as a practical proposition, this is absolutely essential. This, therefore, becomes legal business just the same as any other legal matters. Members of the Bar should familiarize themselves with the law and its application in order that they may give sound advice to farmers concerned with the benefits of the law and be able to properly conduct proceedings thereunder, where such proceedings appear advisable and beneficial. On the other hand, solicitation of legal business by a layman who charges for his services, or by lawyers, is absolutely wrong. Any lawyer who solicits the business, permits the use of his name in connection with the solicitation of the business, or who assists laymen who have solicited the business, violates legal ethics and will be subject to censure or disbarment.

It becomes the duty of every member of the Bar and every honest official and resident of this state to see that this act is fairly and honestly administered in the interests of those entitled to its benefits, and that it does not become the object of graft or great abuse.

CLYDE DUFFY, President.