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WELCOME TO NEWLY ADMITTED MEMBERS

Bar Briefs on behalf of the Association extends a welcome to the newly admitted attorneys who have recently passed the examinations and been admitted to practice in the state of North Dakota. We want you to know that this is your association, and to feel that you are both in it and of it.

And that we are interested in your welfare, and that altho' the older members may appear to be opposed to your entrance into practice it is not so, the time of the mature lawyer is so taken up with the demands of his work that he has little time to guide the footsteps of the new brother.

But notwithstanding, he is interested in you, and will assist with your problems, especially those where the welfare of the profession is involved. Remember that altho' you have been admitted to the bar, your study of the law and its problems has just begun. Failure to place study first invites deterioration which will increase as the years pass.

The regular and usual practice of law in this state covers a wide range of legal business. The complexity of the law, and the changes in it require assiduous attention.

When you were admitted you took an oath to defend and uphold the constitution. You are an officer of the court, and should ever keep your oath in mind, to uphold the dignity of the law, and its enforcement.

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Ours is a government of law and not of men.

The Bar Board is to be commended upon the thoroughness of their work in examining applicants and investigating their qualifications. An exhaustive investigation of the character and back ground of each applicant is made. "Good moral character" is construed to include a requirement that he must possess a high degree of integrity.

The Dean, and the Faculty of the College of Law at the University of North Dakota are also to be commended upon the good work of that institution, and the good record being made by its graduates in the bar examinations. This association is vitally interested in the training of prospective members of the profession, and particularly in the matter of professional ethics and department. A high standard of professional integrity and courtesy is found only where there is a thorough understanding of the true function of the lawyer. Lack of this understanding and its exercise tends to bring discredit, and impede rather than advance the administration of justice.

By the maintenance of these high standards you new members will advance the interest of our whole profession.

YOUR SECRETARY.

FORECAST ON PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING

"Practicality" might well be called the theme of the Annual Meeting of the North Dakota State Bar Association at Fargo, August 29 and 30. The program has been arranged with the purpose of yielding the greatest possible amount of information that can be used in the everyday practice of law. It will be a clinic to which members of the Bar may bring their problems and receive the benefit of the accumulated experience of the entire gathering.

A series of discussions have been scheduled on subjects that arise frequently in the practice of nearly every attorney. Each meeting will be in charge of a discussion leader well-versed in the subject under consideration. He will prepare a brief on the topic which will be distributed at the meeting. A short time will be devoted to the presentation of the most important points in the brief and then the meeting will be open to general discussion.

It will be a great convenience to each discussion leader if members of the bar will write to him in advance about questions on his subject which they wish to bring up at the meeting. This will also assure a more complete answer being given to the question.

The schedule of meetings with the chairmen and discussion leaders is as follows:

Thursday, August 29, 1940 - 3 P. M.

"Code Revision"

Chairman: Vernon Johnson

Discussion Leader: A. M. Kuhfeld, Bismarck