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as the New York Bar Association's Special Committee on Collection Agencies, adopted a declaration of principles as follows:

"It is improper for a collection agency;

1. To furnish legal advice or to perform legal services, or to represent that it is competent to do so; or to institute judicial proceedings on behalf of other persons.

2. To communicate with debtors in the name of an attorney or upon the stationery of an attorney; or to prepare any forms of instrument which only attorneys are authorized to prepare.

3. To solicit and receive assignments of claims for the purpose of suit thereon.

4. In dealing with debtors to employ instruments simulating forms of judicial process, or forms of notice pertaining to judicial proceedings, or to threaten the commencement of such proceedings.

5. To solicit claims for the purpose of having any legal action or court proceedings instituted thereon, or to solicit claims for any purpose at the instigation of any attorney.

6. To assume authority on behalf of creditors to employ or terminate the services of an attorney or to arrange the terms or compensation for such services.

7. To intervene between creditor and attorney in any manner which would control or exploit the services of the attorney or which would direct those services in the interest of the agency.

8. To demand or obtain in any manner a share of the proper compensation for services performed by an attorney in collecting a claim, irrespective of whether or not the agency may have previously attempted collection thereof."

This declaration of principles has been adopted by the New York State Association of Collection Agencies, and also by the Commercial Law League of America, and steps are being taken by these latter organizations to see to it that their members live up to these principles in the conduct of their business relations.

Furthermore, the American Bar Association has now assumed jurisdiction over the law list problem by the establishment of a standing committee with full jurisdiction to approve such lists as conduct their business by the adoption of standards of conduct approved by the Association, and the Canons of Professional Ethics have been amended so that they now prohibit any attorney from permitting his name to be listed in any but an approved law list.

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