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## YOUNG LAWYERS

As we review the many bar association bulletins, journals and pamphlets that come to the desk each month we find many fine addresses and essays that ought to find their way into our own publication. Some day, perhaps, it will be possible to increase the size of Bar Briefs to include some of them. For the present, however, we can only summarize or quote a few paragraphs. We do such quoting from an article entitled "The Young Lawyer's Opportunity," published in the September issue of the New York State Bar Bulletin:

"The young men entering the profession are to a large degree right in reference to the failure of their seniors to practice what they preach. They see the ethical standards taught in the law school and professed by many older attorneys, cast to the winds. The young attorney is bewildered; he has been misled as to the actual ethical standards obtaining in the profession as a whole. He has been told one thing; he sees and experiences another. His youth forbids him from strenuously attacking conditions as he finds them; he waits the action of older and more experienced practitioners and of the bar associations and of the courts.

"And, in this frame of mind, he complains that the ideals of the profession are not being guarded and maintained by those charged with the duty to do so.

"He expects and is entitled to equal opportunity; he should not be obliged to enter the field under the handicap of unfair competition. Maybe the older members of the Bar have failed to see their duty to the profession or else, seeing it, have been too busy or too timid to courageously and vigorously deal with the existing evils.

"And, in return, a challenge is offered to the younger generation of the profession. They must offer themselves to fight for what they seek; what is worth having is surely worth striving for. If they want equal opportunity in the field in which they have fitted themselves by diligent study, they must be willing to do their part to attain it.

"They must assist in the promulgation of fair and reasonable ethical rules which will obtain public sanction and the approval of the vast majority of the Bar and at the same time be capable of strict enforcement.

"They must assist in providing definite machinery for the prompt, direct and efficient enforcement of the rules promulgated; they must urge and actually assist in the enforcement. . .

"But, regardless of all other considerations, all attorneys should agree that the profession should be protected against unfair and unethical competition, now and in the future. Our young attorneys have a wonderful opportunity to assume the leadership for the accomplishments of the future. Possessing the ability and ideals, they need only the courage to successfully overcome that of which they justly complain."

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"In my view, multiplied judicial utterances have become a menace to orderly administration of the law. Much would be gained if three-fourths (maybe nine-tenths) of those published in the last twenty years were utterly destroyed. Thousands of barren dissertations have brought confusion, and often contempt. . . Hurried opinions and long dictated ones, when not laboriously revised, generally, have no proper