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## REPORT OF THE WYOMING LAW JOURNAL COMMITTEE

For a number of years consideration has been given to the desirability and practicability of publishing a journal which would record the proceeding and activities of this Association and provide a medium for the publication of matters of professional interest to members of the Bar. Your Committee is of the opinion that such a periodical can be started this year under the joint auspices of the Wyoming State Bar Association and the University of Wyoming College of Law.

The title of the publication would be "The Wyoming Law Journal." The Journal would have two major objectives. The first of these would be to render service to the Bar of the State of Wyoming by means of articles and law review notes devoted primarily to Wyoming law or to problems of general law that are of special and timely interest to the Rocky Mountain region, and by furnishing an official record of the proceedings of this Association. The second objective would be to improve the legal education procedures of the University of Wyoming College of Law by furnishing its students an opportunity and incentive to obtain the professional skills of analysis of legal problems, legal research, and critical writing.

Under your Committee's proposed plan the Journal will publish four issues each year, in October, January, April and June. The first issue will consist of a record of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar Association, and will contain the addresses given at the meeting, the minutes of the meeting, the reports of committees, and such other material pertaining to the convention as may be desired. The remaining three issues will be devoted primarily to law review material which will consist of leading articles, notes on specific problems of law, and annotations of recent cases of interest. A section of each issue will be devoted to news and announcements of the State Bar Association and the local Bar Associations, and other news of interest to the members of the legal profession in the state.

Leading articles will be solicited from members of the bench and bar, from the faculty of the College of Law, and from others. The bulk of the University's contribution to each issue will consist of student articles prepared under careful and direct supervision. The College of Law has inaugurated a policy of requiring each student to submit a "Note" on a topic of law, or a comment on a recent case, both his junior and senior years. The best of this material will be published. This procedure varies from that of most law schools, which select a group of the highest ranking students as a Law Review Board, the members of which devote their time primarily to the writing of articles. Under the University of Wyoming's plan the benefits of law review work will be given to all students. It is felt

that the small enrollment at the University will allow the faculty to give close and personal supervision to the preparation of each article, and that any student capable of graduating from the College of Law is also capable of turning out a good job of legal research and writing.

As for the organization of the editorial staff, a State Bar Association Editor should be appointed or selected by the Bar Association. This editor will have complete responsibility for the editing of the first issue and for the collection and editing of news, announcements, etc. for publication in later issues. The University of Wyoming College of Law will appoint a board of student editors, which will be selected from the highest ranking members of the school. These editors will work under a faculty committee and will select the cases to be commented upon and the subjects for law review notes. They will select from the articles submitted the ones most suitable for publication, and where necessary they will edit and revise meritorious articles that are not suitable for publication in the form in which submitted.

The printing and distribution of the Journal will be the responsibility of the College of Law. Each member of the Wyoming State Bar Association, every student in the College of Law, and each member of the faculty of the College of Law will be entitled to receive the Journal. A sufficient number of extra copies will be printed to permit subscription by others and distribution to law libraries.

Since this publication will be of substantial benefit both to the Bar Association and to the University of Wyoming, both of these institutions should bear an equitable proportion of the expenses of the publication. The University recognizes that this publication will be one of the most substantial contributions to professional education that a law school can give its student and that the periodical therefore need not be a self-sustaining institution. Each member of the Bar Association will receive a subscription to the Journal, which will not only give him an official record of Association matters, but also law review material that should be a substantial aid to his practice.

We respectfully submit that the Wyoming Bar Association should authorize the joint publication, with the University of Wyoming College of Law, of the Wyoming Law Journal, that the Wyoming Law Journal be made the official organ of this Association, and that this Association give substantial financial assistance and wholehearted support and cooperation to said Journal.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Chairman.