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REPORT OF UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW COMMITTEE

The Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee reports as follows:

Interprofessional relations are reasonably good as indicated by the attached, and, our problems with the real estate brokers will be aired at the panel discussion at the annual meeting.

Our complaint to the ABA Committee about National Will forms of Los Angeles advertising in Wyoming resulted in agreement by the National Will Forms to cease advertising and discontinue sale of will forms.

A Cheyenne insurance underwriter claimed in his printed publications to be an "Estate Planner," and, after our complaint to the ABA Committee and forwarded to the national office of the insurance company, the offending language and activities are no longer apparent.

Memorial Shield initially advertised services which would have been the practice of law and after several meetings with the owners and their attorneys, we believe the offending practices and advertising have stopped.

We have received the excellent report of Mr. Fred E. Brudett, Commissioner, regarding Charles L. Anderson's activities at Jackson, Wyoming; and, in our subsequent correspondence with Mr. Anderson he agrees to entirely depart from any unauthorized practice of law. Enclosed is Mr. Burdett's bill for $82.50 which we think should be paid. We have been paying our own expenses individually but don't feel that we should pay Mr. Burdett's. However, some provision should be made in the budget to pay actual traveling expenses for attendance of a representative of our Committee at one or more ABA unauthorized practice of law meetings.


COLLECTION AGENCIES: ABA principles adopted by Wyoming State Bar 9/12/59—No Action and No Complaints.

INSURANCE ADJUSTERS: ABA principles adopted by Wyoming State Bar 9/12/59—No Action and No Complaints.


PUBLISHERS: ABA principles adopted by Wyoming State Bar 9/12/59—Wyoming State Bar adopted resolution regarding attorneys inspiring publicity 9/12/59 and President Crowell wrote to all publishers thereafter—No Problems.
Realtors: ABA principles adopted by Wyoming State Bar 9/12/59 – a panel discussion with realtors will be part of program at 1962 annual meeting at Worland.

Wyoming State Medical Society: Interprofessional Code for Physicians and Attorneys adopted by Wyoming State Bar 9/12/59, by Wyoming Medical Society 6/11/59, mailed to all doctors and lawyers 8/20/59; Expert Witness Fee bill agreed upon by the Joint Committee of Physicians and Lawyers, a bill drawn and approved at the annual meetings of the Wyoming State Bar and of the Wyoming Medical Society in 1960, but the bill amended without notice to the Joint Committee and passed by the 1961 Legislature – Problem: The law should be amended to conform to the report of the Joint Committee; the Wyoming State Medical Society at its annual meeting in 1960 resolved to cooperate with the Wyoming State Bar in the matter of Professional Service Corporations.

Byron Hirst

Report of Committee on Uniform Jury Instructions

Mr. President and Fellow Members of the Bar:

Your Committee on Uniform Jury Instructions has made great progress in the past year, although perhaps not so much as would have liked.

First I might report that we have had some personnel changes. Mr. Merle B. Case has resigned and has been replaced by Harry L. Harris of Evanston. Mr. John Crow has also advised that he cannot participate in the committee and no replacement has been selected for him as yet. We have also lost Mr. Roy Stoddard, Jr., Associate Professor of Law at the University of Wyoming, who has returned to Iowa. As he was, to a large measure, the instigator of this committee and was very active and interested in its success, he will be greatly missed. We are hopeful that he will be replaced by another appointment from the College of Law. The remaining members of the committee are Richard S. Dumbrill, William J. Kirven, Houston G. Wiliams, James A. Tilker and myself.

During the past year our proposed uniform instructions have been broken down into various sections and have been assigned to the committee members for drafting, either individually or with the assistance and help of the members of the local and district bars. We have had several committee meetings at which the instructions have been discussed thoroughly, and some of them rather hotly, and we believe that we have a majority of the instructions prepared for final drafting and submission to the judiciary and the bar for their inspection and recommendations.

The committee particularly appreciates the fine assistance we have received from the members of the Bar. With your continued help we will have a basic set of uniform jury instructions prepared for your final approval and, we hope, adoption within this next year.

Ross D. Copenhaver