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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BAR ECONOMICS

By GEORGE F. GUY, *Chairman*

This Committee originated with the appointment by George Millett of Laramie, then President, in October, 1962, with George F. Guy as Chairman of a Committee of several members. This Committee continued, with a change or two, under President Jerry Housel of Cody. Great assistance was rendered to the Committee by Mr. Sam Clifton, Manager of the Department of Bar Economics of the American Bar Association, Chicago; and by Dr. Burke A. Parsons of the Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, without which the gathering of the data from Wyoming lawyers and the compilation of same would have been impossible. The Committee assumed the responsibility of a "selling job" on the members of the Wyoming Bar insofar as the sending of the questionnaires was concerned, but the meat of the task fell to Sam Clifton and Dr. Parsons.

The full report of the Committee appears in the Winter issue of the *Wyoming Law Journal* (Vol. 18, No. 2) and no good purpose would be served by a repetition of the details therein contained. Suffice to say that if any member of the Bar has not read the Report, he should do so, as the Committee believes that there is valuable information in the Report for every lawyer in the State.

Similar surveys and reports have been made in Virginia, New Mexico, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Montana, Utah, and Vermont. The active lawyer of today, whether he be in private practice, government service, or full-time counsel for corporate clients, is much interested in the economic aspects of his profession, as he well should be.

I have recommended to President Richard Bostwick of Casper that the Committee on Bar Economics be continued under a new Chairman, and that it continue to devote its attention to the Economics of the Law, and that it give particular attention to a revision of the 1960 Schedule of Minimum Fees.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY METHODS OF FIXING
ANNUAL LICENSE FEES FOR MEMBERS OF WYOMING
BAR ASSOCIATION

D. N. Sherard and myself, serving as a special committee, per request in letter of President Jerry W. Housel, of January 15, 1964, make this report. Jerry asked that we make a study of the proposal to either amend or eliminate the statutes with reference to fixing the annual license fee for members of the state bar. Per your request, we make same in writing to you for transmittal to the committee meeting at Cody.

In his letter, Jerry suggested that there was some issue among lawyers, as to whether or not the function of fixing the bar fees should be left to the