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SERVICES

Attempting to touch every phase of a lawyer's professional life, the State Bar Association renders its members a variety of useful services.

Annual Meeting. By holding annual meetings each June at different cities, a get-together is provided where important topics may be discussed and social relations may be maintained. Outstanding professional problems are presented by leaders of the Bar, opinions are expressed in round table conferences, and action is developed. This year's convention of the Association will be held June 22-24 in Oshkosh. Guy A. Thompson, president of the American Bar Association, will be one of the prominent speakers. Important committee reports will be discussed, upon subjects such as Unauthorized Practice of the Law by Laymen and Corporations, Automobile Accident Compensation, Minimum Fee Schedules, Reform of Federal Procedure, etc. A banquet, outdoor recreation, sight-seeing, luncheons, and other social entertainments for members and their wives, will add variety to the occasion.

Committees. Through Bar committees, legislation of interest to lawyers is promoted, and members are kept notified of the progress of such legislation. The seven standing committees of the Association are the Judicial, Amendment of the Law, Necrology and Biography, Membership, Qualification for the Bar, Publication, and Judicial Selection committees. Special committees are also organized, to meet specific situations that arise.

Local Affiliation. Local associations affiliated with the State Association are furnished speakers for their meetings, free of charge, and are given advice and assistance in carrying on their local professional work. Since eighty per cent of the lawyers in all sections of the state are members of the Association, it maintains a professional unity that could not be obtained otherwise.

Reciprocal Arrangements. By arrangement with the Illinois State Bar Association, members may be furnished facilities for transacting business with Illinois state governmental departments. Cooperation also between the State Bar and the American Bar Association forms nation-wide contacts.

Annotating Restatements. A recent specific service performed by the Association, that of sponsoring and paying for the annotation of the restatement of the law of contracts, made by the American Law
Institute, correlates the law with Wisconsin decisions. This work is still in progress, and should prove very useful.

*Professional Ethics.* The Judicial Committee gives members advice concerning questions of professional ethics. They are protected against unethical persons through the Judicial Committee's action in disbarrning unworthy members of the profession.

*Publications.* Available to all members, the publications of the Association, mentioned in detail in a previous issue, are a great service, and could not be duplicated by private methods except by large expenditures.

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