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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE INDIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 8, 1928

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association will be held Wednesday, February 8, 1928, at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis.

All committees of the Indiana State Bar Association will meet at 12:15 P. M., in rooms assigned for the purpose.

A banquet will be served at 6:30 P. M. in the Riley room of the hotel.

The banquet is a joint meeting with the Indianapolis Bar Association and will be addressed by the Honorable Silas H. Strawn, President of the American Bar Association.

The Indianapolis Bar Association has appointed for this occasion an Inter-Association Conference Committee consisting of the following persons: James M. Ogden, chairman; Lawrence B. Davis, Michael E. Foley, Edward V. Fitzpatrick, Clinton H. Givan, U. S. Lesh, Schuyler A. Haas, and Vincent H. Manifold. All details for the banquet will be worked out by the joint committees of the two associations.

Price per plate \$2.50. Plates may be reserved for ladies.

Banquet informal.

The afternoon session will consist of the following meetings:

A joint meeting of the committees on Jurisprudence and Law Reform and the Committee on Legislation, will be held at 12:15 P. M., in Parlor "S."

The Committee on Membership will meet at 12:15 P. M., in Parlor "T."

The Committee on Legal Education and the Committee on Grievances will meet at 12:15 P. M., in the Florentine room.

The Committee on American Citizenship, the District Managers and the Board of Managers, will meet at 12:15 in Parlor "B."

At each of the above meetings luncheon will be served.

There will be a meeting of all of the committees at 3:00 P. M., in the Florentine room.

Persons having matters that should be brought before any of these committees, should communicate with the secretary, stating specifically the matter to be considered, and he will lay it before the proper committee.

JOEL A. BAKER, Secretary,  
518 N. Pennsylvania Street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

### ANSWER OF THE SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURTS OF INDIANA TO PRESIDENT VAN OSDOL'S COMMUNICATION

The Board of Managers of the Indiana State Bar Association at a meeting in November last, gave consideration to the question of how the association might more efficiently serve, and with a view to getting before the members of the profession certain suggestions made at that meeting, concluded to address to the members of both the Supreme and Appellate courts in this state the following communication:

November 2, 1927.

"To the Honorable Judges of the Supreme and Appellate Courts of Indiana:

Those in charge of the affairs of the Indiana State Bar Association believe that the problems which confront the legal profession in administering the law and which under the rapidly changing social and economic conditions are daily growing more complex are not confined exclusively to the ranks of the practicing lawyer, but concern the members of the Bench as well. They believe that the proper solution of these problems is often greatly facilitated by discussion and conference. Bearing these things in mind, they beg leave to submit for your consideration and criticism the following suggestions:

1. That at the next annual meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association a portion of its program be devoted to what will be known as the "Judicial Section," in which questions especially affecting the judiciary will be selected for study and discussion, the proceedings of that section to be under the direction of members of the Bench the majority of whom are now members of this Association.

2. That a section to be known as the "Prosecuting Attorneys Section," which will afford a like opportunity for discus-

sion and study of the questions which more particularly relate to the duties of that office, should also be organized.

3. That a section devoted to the study and discussion of those problems which so directly concern the municipalities, more particularly in their relationship to the utilities and the exercise of their police powers, be formed. Such a section might properly be designated as the "Municipal Section."

Your criticism regarding any or all of these suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

J. A. VAN OSDOL,  
President of the Indiana  
State Bar Association."

The members of the two courts thus addressed, have answered as follows:

January 12, 1928.

Hon. James A. Van Osdol, Pres.,  
Indiana State Bar Association,  
Anderson, Indiana.

Dear Sir: The members of both the Supreme and Appellate courts have given careful consideration to the aims of the Indiana State Bar Association, and are unanimously of the opinion that with the proper support of the Bench and Bar throughout the state, the profession will be greatly aided in meeting and solving its problems, which are so naturally problems for the lawyer, and, which, under our rapidly changing social and economic conditions are daily becoming more complicated.

We believe that the Bench can greatly aid in this by giving to the Association not alone its approval, but by heartily participating in its activities, and by encouraging the members of the legal profession to support and encourage the organization, state and local.

The objects of the Indiana State Bar Association are stated as follows, in its Articles of Association:

"This Association is formed, not for pecuniary profit, but to cultivate the science of jurisprudence; to secure the efficient administration of justice; to promote reform in the law; to facilitate proper legislation; to effect thorough legal education; to uphold and advance the welfare of the profession of law; and to encourage social intercourse among the lawyers of the State of Indiana."

While we are aware that a majority of the judges of this state are members of the association, yet we believe that more efficient results may be obtained through a one hundred per cent membership of the Bench and by the organization of a judicial

section. The above stated objects should appeal to the Bench and Bar alike, and in our opinion have the united support of both.

Yours respectfully,

APPELLATE COURT,

Charles F. Remy,  
Alonzo L. Nichols,  
Willis C. McMahan,  
Solon A. Enloe,  
Francis M. Thompson,  
Ethan A. Dausman.

SUPREME COURT,

B. M. Willoughby,  
Julius C. Travis,  
Clarence R. Martin,  
Willard B. Gemmill,  
David A. Myers.

NEW MEMBERS

In keeping with the preceding announcement, containing the splendid pledge of cooperation by all the members of the Supreme and Appellate courts in furtherance of the work and membership of the Indiana State Bar Association, it is unthinkable that we should fail to go forward until our membership is co-extensive with the active bar of this state.

If our members will turn to the Legal Directory in this issue they will notice that we are able to list no new applicants for membership during the month of December. It is likely that this is the first month since the *Law Journal* has been published when there were no members of the Indiana Bar who applied for membership in our Association. Last spring Mr. Walker, vice-president of the Indiana State Bar Association, secured a large number of new applications for membership through his splendid efforts as chairman of the Membership Committee at that time. He has made further efforts this fall and he is now planning an extensive campaign for new members. It is important, however, for the Association to realize that our membership has so far increased as to make the securing of new members in the future quite a different undertaking from what it has been in the past. Hitherto the new members have been secured largely through the efforts of the members of the Membership Committee in their intensive campaigns for this particular purpose. Vice-President Walker, as chairman of the committee, intends to continue these methods through the winter and spring and it is certain that he will secure as many new members by these methods as it is possible to do.

At this time, however, the new situation makes other and additional methods requisite. The fullest success of the Membership Committee this year requires the co-operation of every

member of the Association in a personal way. And we all must realize that the fullest service and accomplishment of the Indiana State Bar Association both for the advantage of its members and for the service of the legal profession in this state require that the Association contain practically all of the reputable lawyers of the State. It is when the Indiana State Bar Association can speak for all Indiana lawyers of high character that it will reach its fullest usefulness.

In order that all of us may take part in this essential work, an application for membership is printed below. This may be filled out for a prospective new member so that he can send it in with the required signatures together with his check for the annual dues. Other applications for membership may be secured by writing to the Secretary at 106 City Hall, Indianapolis. It surely can be expected that a large number of our members will know at least one other lawyer who would want to join our Association and who would be a proper member, if he had the matter called to his attention in a personal way. There have already been many assurances that our members in recognition of the importance of new members for the Association and in appreciation of Mr. Walker's efforts in this work, will make themselves responsible for securing the application of at least one new member during the coming month.

THE INDIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

*Application for Membership*

I,-----admitted to practice law at-----, in the year-----, and being now a member of the bar in good standing, residing at-----, in-----county, with an office at-----hereby apply for membership in the INDIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

I will abide by the Articles of Association and By-Laws thereof, and pay the annual dues of \$5.00, \$1.50 of which is for subscription to *Indiana Law Journal*.

Recommended by

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(Sign full name)

Members of Indiana State Bar Association.

## AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

The Indiana State Bar Association through its Committee on American Citizenship has made plans to reach fully twice as many of the youth in our secondary schools during the coming year as in any previous year. This will be accomplished by means of an essay contest in addition to the oratorical contest and through the full co-operation of the state department of public instruction.

We are able now to see the excellent results of the work of the Indiana State Bar Association in the few years the Association has been giving its attention to this patriotic service. There is no more lasting service for our Association than that of instilling into our youth in an attractive manner a knowledge of and a veneration for our Constitution.

Our Association is well organized for this work, with its manager in each congressional district and a chairman in each county in the state. It is the plan also to have minute men, in each county, that is, lawyers who will prepare themselves and deliver brief, pointed talks on subjects relating to constitutional government.

It remains largely for the adults to be reached through the members of our Association. This can be accomplished by the writing and publication of brief articles on subjects relating to the Constitution in the daily press, by talks before civil organizations, and by having wide recognition given not only to the students who are successful in winning the local contests but also to their winning productions.

The full revised program for the year 1928 of this important work has been mailed to each member of the Association and to each superintendent and principal of the public schools throughout the state and it is hoped that the members will study the contents and will call particular attention of the school officials to this program as mailed to them.

We call special attention to the following matters:

*Subjects for Contests*

The orations must be on either of the following subjects:

- “The Development of the Constitution” or
- “The Present Significance of the Constitution.”

The essays must be on either of the following subjects:

- “What is a Good Citizen?” or
- “Why Obey the Law?”

*Dates of 1928 Contests*

Selection within each school must be made by March 16, 1928.

Selection of county champion by March 30, 1928.

Selection of congressional district champion by April 15, 1928.

Selection of consolidated district or zone contest by April 20, 1928.

Selection of state champion by April 27, 1928.

National semi-final at Troy, N. Y., May 11, 1928.

National finals at Washington, May 25, 1928.

International finals at Washington, October 13, 1928.

As the essay contest is only a state contest the selection of the winners in the various contests should be completed not later than the dates named above in the first four contests, so that by April 20, 1928, all contestants who are to take part in the State Essay Contest should be selected.

*Eligibility*

Any bona fide secondary school pupil under 19 years of age February 1, 1928, is eligible.

*Awards*

Medals are given to all winners by the Indiana State Bar Association and Mr. Arthur C. Newby, an Indianapolis business man, has generously contributed funds for the cash awards in the state contests.

JAMES M. OGDEN,  
Chairman, Committee on American Citizenship.