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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INHERENT POWER OF COURTS TO LICENSE AND REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF LAW

Your special committee, on "The Inherent Power of Courts to License and Regulate the Practice of Law", authorized by the Association at its 1935 meeting, begs leave to submit the following report:

*First.* The committee is firmly of the opinion that the Supreme Court of Indiana has now ample authority to regulate, by rule or otherwise, the practice of law throughout the state, both as to admission to the bar, and as to the disciplining, suspension and disbarment of its members.

*Second.* The committee is further of the opinion that this prerogative of the Supreme Court is inherent and not dependent upon any legislative action for its existence or exercise.

*Third.* It is also our conclusion that it is for the best interests of the bar of this state and of the public, that such inherent authority be invoked by the State Bar Association, to the end that proper steps be taken by the Supreme Court to exercise prompt and efficient supervision over the practice of law in Indiana.

*Fourth.* It is our belief that the bench and bar of this state, as well as the public, will welcome a program inaugurated by the Supreme Court for the purpose of remedying any abuses which may exist in the practice of law within its jurisdiction and thereby raise the standard of the profession and confirm it in public confidence and esteem.

*Fifth.* THEREFORE YOUR COMMITTEE RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS that the President of this Association, or others of its representatives, be authorized in the name and on behalf of the Indiana State Bar Association, to file with the Supreme Court of Indiana a petition, requesting it to regulate and control the practice of law throughout this state, by the adoption and promulgation of such rules and regulations as to it may seem appropriate, or by such other means and procedure as it shall deem advisable.

*Sixth.* Your committee further recommends that in connection with such petition, this or a similar committee prepare and submit to the Supreme Court a brief, calling attention to the rights and authority of courts in such matters, as reflected in decisions of other states and jurisdictions, and the methods there adopted to accomplish the desired results.