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BAR ADMISSION LITIGATION

Lawyers will be interested in the disposition of two applications for admission to the bar recently made in the Circuit Court of Marion County. The filing of the applications was called to the attention of President Seebirt who appointed a committee composed of Fred C. Gause, Remster A. Bingham, Frank N. Richman and Bernard C. Gavit to represent the State Bar Association. The Circuit Court of Marion County appointed these men as friends of the Court and they filed a suggestion that the applications be dismissed on the ground that the Circuit Court had no jurisdiction over the subject matter of the applications. This was based upon the obvious proposition that the Act of the Legislature of 1931 granting to the Supreme Court exclusive power to make rules regulating admission to practice in all of the courts of the state and repealing conflicting laws, operated to repeal previous legislation giving Circuit Courts jurisdiction over the subject of admissions. Under the other provisions of the Constitution providing that the Supreme Court and the Circuit Courts should have such jurisdiction as the General Assembly may confer, it was contended that there could be no possible question as to the constitutional validity of this Act upon that score. The Circuit Court dismissed the applications.

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