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The Annual Meeting of The West Virginia Bar Association, being the 83rd, was again held at The Greenbrier Hotel, in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on August 28, 29 and 30, 1969. This was the 22nd consecutive year in which the meeting has been held at the West Virginia world-famous resort. Highlighting the meeting were President Zane Grey Staker's annual address entitled "Election Law Reform - The Outs v. The Ins," an address by Theodore F. Koop, Vice President of Columbia Broadcasting System, on "Television's Role In Educating America," and an address by Edward L. Wright, President-elect of The American Bar Association, on "American Bar Association Code of Professional Responsibility."

President-elect Wright was introduced by native West Virginian Bert H. Early, formerly of Huntington, who now serves as Executive Director of The American Bar Association. In addition to those excellent addresses, all of which drew favorable comment, presidents of colleges which are members of West Virginia Foundation For Independent Colleges, Inc., were recognized and honored at that part of the program which is traditionally arranged as a joint meeting of members of the Association with members of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

The functions of the Association were well carried out during the year through the work of its officers and committees. The most active committee was that composed of members of The West Virginia State Bar and members of this Association, forming a joint committee of the two Bars, on legal services to the poor. This committee met several times in an effort to carry out the mandate, given it at the meeting of The West Virginia State Bar held in October, 1968, to use its efforts to advance a plan for such services modeled after the Wisconsin Judicare Plan. Indications are that this committee will be a continuing one. Performance of its duties will require devoted attention for some time to come. The problem with which this committee is concerned is one of great importance to the Bar of this state and of the nation. Every lawyer owes it to himself and to the profession to thoroughly acquaint himself with the various forms which legal services to the poor might take and to have a firm and well-reasoned opinion as to the proper form.

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