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## THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION

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The Eighty-First annual meeting of the West Virginia Bar Association was held at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on August 31, September 1 and 2, 1967. All committees were active and functioned well during the preceeding year and all filed written committee reports. President Wilson Anderson's annual address on "The Right to Complain," presented the case for West Virginia Legislation creating the office of "Ombudsman," which was a matter of previous comment in the *West Virginia Law Review*. President Anderson's proposal has received considerable publicity and comment and is the subject of an article by Professor Stanley Dadisman of the West Virginia College of Law. During the year just ended the administrative law section of the West Virginia Bar Association, under the chairmanship of L. Manning Muntzing, prepared a *Guide to Administrative Rules for the State of West Virginia* which is in loose leaf form, a copy of which should be in every law office. During the coming year there is much work to be done by the various committees and I hope that the committee chairmen will call committee meetings early in order to activate all committee members and in order to achieve worthwhile results. The Dean and faculty of the College of Law and the editorial staff of the *West Virginia Law Review* are to be commended on the excellence of that publication. The West Virginia Bar Association continues its financial support of the Law Review, and urges all members of the West Virginia Bar to subscribe. The West Virginia Bar Association membership dues include a paid subscription to the *Law Review*.

I commend the Student Bar Association of the College of Law and the editorial staff of its new publication *Jus et Factum*. The first issue is dated September, 1967, and the October issue has just arrived. The content is excellent and I recommend it to the members of the West Virginia Bar and hope that lawyers in West Virginia will make some voluntary financial contribution to the Student Bar Association to help defer expenses of publication. This may be done by sending a check to the "Student Bar Association" College of Law, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A citizen's conference on the Administration of Justice and Court Reform in West Virginia was held at the Heart O'Town Motel at Charleston on November 9, 10 and 11 under the co-sponsorship of the West Virginia Bar Association, the West Virginia State Bar, the Judicial Association, the Supreme Court of Appeals, the West Virginia University Law School, the American Judicature Society, Governor Hulett Smith and the West Virginia Judicial Counsel. Invitations were issued to non-lawyers, prominent citizens in the State of West Virginia, by Governor Smith and the Supreme Court of Appeals. All members of the legal profession should follow the work of the citizens conference, and prepare themselves for future discussion on the proposed judicial reform.

I solicit the membership for any suggestions regarding the activities and administration of our association.

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