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Committees of the West Virginia Bar Association for 1965-66 have now been fully constituted.

The importance of the work done by these committees in the overall scheme of the Association is very great indeed. Hopefully, they have all commenced in some small way the discharge of their duties, and several are known to be well along with plans and actual accomplishments. Committee chairmen would welcome suggestions and helpful criticism from any West Virginia lawyer whether or not he be a member of the Association.

For the information of those interested it seems appropriate to list here the names and addresses of all chairmen:

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- George D. Bailey ......................................... Wheeling

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- T. D. Kauffelt ........................................ Charleston

Let them have your ideas and problems.

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For more than a year we have seen a variety of projects commenced under the nationwide program of legal services for the poor which was inaugurated federally by the Office of Economic Opportunity. There will be many many more during this year, several no doubt in West Virginia.

The program itself continues to be lauded and damned by both lawyer and layman. It can be reasonably assumed, however, that the federal government will continue to fund a substantial offering of legal services to the indigent. Whether that is good or bad we members of the bar cannot stick our heads in the sand and expect a proper solution.

Thus far the O.E.O. program appears to permit considerable local autonomy in the formulation of plans and the organizing for legal aid type services. As individual lawyers and as members of county associations, we should examine with understanding the entire proposition and take part on the local level in a constructive way.

It is squarely up to lawyers to insure that there be no impairment of the lawyer-client relationship which permits fearless independent representation with full adherence to professional standards.

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