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A project of pertinent interest to the Bar of West Virginia has been undertaken, recently, by the American Bar Association. Because of the topography, geography and lack of population density in West Virginia, a large part of the practice of law in West Virginia is in the nature of general practice.

A special committee was appointed, by the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association, in August, to study the desirability of creating a Section of General Practice. This Committee has recommended the creation of such a Section. It is hoped that the American Bar Association will carry out this recommendation. If the members of the West Virginia Bar Association are interested in this project they should so indicate by writing to the headquarters of the Association in Chicago, and sending a copy to John D. Randall, Esq., 10 First Avenue, East, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Among the subjects of interest and concern to general practitioners the Committee considered and generally approved the following:

1. Role and importance of the general practitioners.
2. Relation of the general practitioner to the specialist.
3. Basic as distinguished from specialized law and procedure in specific fields.
4. Meeting competition of non-lawyers.
5. Ethical problems of practice.
6. Key case decisions in various fields.
7. New reference works and texts.
8. Legislative news.
9. Basic trial techniques.
11. Law office operations, including accounting, client interview techniques, economics, tax saving techniques, etc.
12. The psychology of law practice.

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