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The year 1960 brings with it a significant change in the practice of law in the State of West Virginia. After July 1st the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure for Trial Courts of Record will be in effect. The procedure will be different and new to the majority of the lawyers of this state. However, the State Bar and the West Virginia Bar Association plan to ease the transition to the new rules for the members of our bar, and at our annual meeting to be held September 1, 2 and 3, we shall endeavor to have a program with special emphasis on practice under the new rules which will be beneficial to every attorney in attendance. Meanwhile, any suggestions or expressions of opinion with respect to the program will be welcomed.

The administrative law section prepared and presented an excellent program at its meeting held in Charleston, December 12th. The time and effort spent by the men in charge produced a program that was heartily received by all in attendance. The members of the Public Service Commission and the Workmen's Compensation Fund presented the phases of practice before their respective administrative bodies, and the State Tax Commissioner presented procedures in his office. After an address of welcome by the Honorable John A. Field, Jr., United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, the Honorable Donald C. Beeler, of Washington, D. C., delivered a most informative talk on litigation and lawmaking according to the administrative process. We owe a debt of gratitude to those departments which participated in this first annual meeting of the section, since most lawyers at some time or other have some practice in the administrative field.

At the West Virginia College of Law the students have formed a student bar association and have set up within that association a placement committee to assist graduating students in finding a proper and suitable place to practice after graduating. If any of you are contemplating the addition of legal personnel to your office and desire information with respect to graduating students at the West Virginia University College of Law, a letter addressed to the Placement Committee, Student Bar Association, West Virginia University College of Law, will bring you the information requested.

We believe that this new decade presents a bright and promising outlook for the progress of our Association, and with the continued loyalty and cooperation of our members we cannot fail.

W. Paul McWhorter.