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THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1940 ANNUAL MEETING

JOINT MEETING WITH VIRGINIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

AUGUST 8, 9, 10, 1940

A joint meeting with the Virginia State Bar Association is assured by the acceptance by that Association of the invitation extended by the West Virginia Bar Association to hold such a meeting at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 8, 9, and 10, 1940. The holding of a joint meeting has been a subject of discussion intermittently over a period of years, and the realization of the proposal should be a memorable occasion for the lawyers of the two states, and a source of long and pleasant remembrance. More than 500 members of the Virginia association are expected to attend, and it is predicted that the registration of members of the West Virginia Bar Association will equal the high attendance of 303 at the 1939 annual meeting at Clarksburg, West Virginia.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Carrying on the drive for a membership of 1,000 attorneys, Chairman Charles C. Wise, Jr., of Charleston, of the Committee on Admissions, has made plans for the state-wide canvassing of the attorneys who are nonmembers of the association by the twenty-four members of his committee, representing the various judicial circuits, and their respective district aides. It is hoped that the occasion of the joint meeting with the Virginia State Bar Association will be an incentive for many nonmembers to become affiliated with the West Virginia association, and all members are urged to cooperate with the Committee on Admissions and to interest nonmembers in their respective communities, especially the new practitioners, in affiliating with the Association. Membership in a local bar association, where one exists, is a prerequisite to membership in the state association. Membership fees are \$5.00 and \$3.00, the latter fee being for attorneys who apply for membership during the first five years after admission to practice. Former members of the association, who did not resign but whose names were dropped from the roll of members for nonpayment of dues for two or more years, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, may reinstate

by paying a fee of \$15.00 which is applicable to all back dues, current dues for the year 1940, and dues for the year 1941 in advance. Membership and reinstatement application blanks may be obtained from Chairman Wise or any of the members of his committee, or from Bernard Sclove, Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 1372, Charleston.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues reminders have been mailed recently to all members who have not yet paid dues for the current year, 1940, which were payable on January 1. After considerable effort last year, almost all members of the association were induced to place themselves in good standing, so that at the present time the collection of dues involves only current dues for the year 1940 in most cases. As a result the association is on a sound fiscal basis, and owes no past-due debts. Arrangements for the joint meeting at White Sulphur Springs will require a considerable expenditure on the part of the association, it being agreed that expenses of the joint meeting shall be shared by the two associations on the basis of membership, *i.e.*,  $\frac{3}{5}$  by the Virginia association and  $\frac{2}{5}$  by the West Virginia association. This is an entirely fair agreement, and the payment of current dues promptly will enable the West Virginia association to meet its part. The annual dues of \$5.00 and \$3.00 (the latter for members during the first five years after admission to practice) include subscription to the Yearbook of the Association and to the West Virginia Law Quarterly and the Bar. Remittances should be made payable to the Association, and mailed to P. O. Box 1372, Charleston.

#### 1939 YEARBOOK

The recently issued Yearbook of the Association has been sent to all members who were in good standing for the year 1939. The book was carefully edited by the Executive Secretary and by the printer's staff. Further revisions in form, arrangement and material were made, and the publication has been copyrighted. Each book contains a receipt card insert which members are requested to mail to the association promptly. The association has a limited supply of the books on hand for distribution to delinquent members who desire to pay their dues and place themselves in good standing. Members who have extra copies of yearbooks of prior years that they do not need are requested to send in such copies to the association. The files of the association are especially low

for the early years, commencing with the Organization meeting. Many requests for copies of early yearbooks have ben received from leading law libraries, and the association is unable at this time to comply with such requests.

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ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR.—The following seven applicants successfully passed the State Bar Examination, held in March 1940, at Charleston:

John William Beaire	Charleston
John Francis Blackburn, Jr.	Lewisburg
William Gay Brown	Parkersburg
William J. Ingram	Chester
James Blaine Leist, Jr.	Huntington
Lawrence McComas	Hamlin
Ramon A. Woodall	Hamlin