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And even if the "outside attorney" does make full disclosure to the Court, still in the opinion of the Committee the practice is not to be commended. The interests of the infant should be represented by independent counsel not biased by such method of employment, whose representation of the infant before the Court should be based upon his independent and unbiased judgment. (See Questions and Answers Nos. 25 and 171).

WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION NOTES:
NEWS OF THE PROFESSION¹

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS.—On October 8, 1919, the members of the Board of Law Examiners then holding office handed to the Supreme Court of Appeals their report covering the period from July 1, 1915 to October 1, 1919² and therewith tendered their resignations. On November 21, 1919, the Court entered an order accepting the resignations and appointing a new Board. B. Mason Ambler of Parkersburg, one of the new appointees, declined to accept and James W. Ewing of Wheeling has been appointed in his place. The Court's order of November 21 reads as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on Friday, the 21st day of November, 1919, the following order was made and entered, to-wit:

The Board of Law Examiners, consisting of the members of the Law Faculty of the West Virginia University, having on a former day of the present term presented to the Court a detailed report covering the period of their services from July 1, 1915, to October 1, 1919, and therewith tendered their resignations and a request that they be relieved from further services, it is ordered that said report be now filed.

And the Court having read and considered said report, is of the opinion that the State, this Court, and the legal profession generally are under great obligations to the members of the Law Faculty for their very efficient and self-sacrificing services. Their report contains a very interesting and complete record of all their

¹Edited by Uriah Barnes, Secretary, The West Virginia Bar Association.

²See 26 W. VA. L. Q. 35 for a portion of this report.

activities during the period covered thereby and evidences the impartiality and fairness with which they have conducted all their examinations of applicants for license to practice law. The statistical matters therein demonstrate beyond all question that all criticisms to the contrary have been groundless. We have not now, nor have we at any time since the work of conducting law examinations was first committed to the Law Faculty, found anything but praise for their work.

And now, upon their resignations, it is with great reluctance that we accept the same, and it is upon the condition that in the new appointments made one member of the law faculty, a member of the Bar, be included. It is therefore ordered that the following members of the Bar of the State be constituted the new Board of Law Examiners, namely: B. Mason Ambler,³ Henry Craig Jones, J. O. Henson, Robert S. Spilman and Joseph M. Sanders; and to whom, or to the members they may designate, the records, books and papers of the retiring Board may be delivered for safe keeping. And they may also select from their number or from the outside a competent secretary.

A true copy.

Attest:

WILLIAM B. MATHEWS,
Clerk Supreme Court of Appeals.

PREPARATION AND TRANSMISSION OF ORIGINAL RECORDS.—The Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals has sent the following letter to the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of West Virginia:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS
CHARLESTON

December 1, 1919.

TO THE CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF WEST VIRGINIA.

GENTLEMEN:—

Your attention is especially called to Section 5 of Chapter 135 of the Code, providing for the preparation and transmission of original records to this office or to a judge of this Court in vacation.

Deposit or Bond for Costs.

In the case of State ex rel E. W. Brown vs. Herbert Skeen,

³B. Mason Ambler having refused to accept the appointment, James W. Ewing of Wheeling was appointed in his place.