

February 1925

## Masthead Volume 31, Issue 2

Follow this and additional works at: <https://researchrepository.wvu.edu/wvlr>

---

### Recommended Citation

*Masthead Volume 31, Issue 2*, 31 W. Va. L. Rev. (1925).

Available at: <https://researchrepository.wvu.edu/wvlr/vol31/iss2/1>

This Prefatory Matter is brought to you for free and open access by the WVU College of Law at The Research Repository @ WVU. It has been accepted for inclusion in West Virginia Law Review by an authorized editor of The Research Repository @ WVU. For more information, please contact [researchrepository@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:researchrepository@mail.wvu.edu).

# West Virginia Law Quarterly

## And THE BAR

---

Published by the Faculty of the College of Law of West Virginia University, and issued in December, February, April and June of each academic year. Official publication of The West Virginia Bar Association.

---

Subscription price to individuals, not members of The West Virginia Bar Association, \$2.00 per year. To those who are members of the Association the price is \$1.50 per year and is included in their annual dues. Single copies, 50 cents.

---

### Editor-in-Charge

CLIFFORD R. SNIDER

### Managing Editor

BENJAMIN G. REEDER

### Faculty Board of Editors

JOSEPH WARREN MADDEN  
LEO CARLIN

JAMES RUSSELL TROTTER  
EDMUND C. DICKINSON

THOMAS P. HARDMAN  
CLIFFORD R. SNIDER

### Student Board of Editors

HARRY L. SNYDER, JR., *Chairman*

ARCHIBALD M. CANTRALL  
ROBERT T. DONLEY  
JAMES G. JETER, JR.  
CHARLES M. LOVE, JR.

ROBERT M. MUIR  
ABRAHAM PINSKY  
HALE J. POSTEN  
HAROLD J. SAUM

FRANCIS L. WARDER  
COLUMBUS L. WETZEL  
JAMES H. WHITE

---

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN FEDERAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION.—By an Act of Congress of February 13, 1925, effective three months from that date, important changes in the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the circuit courts of appeal come into being, to the end of facilitating work and clearing an overcrowded docket. The chief purpose of this Act is to relieve the Supreme Court from the burden of deciding cases involving questions of insufficient importance to take its time and thus prevent early decisions on serious constitutional interpretations. Other purposes are served, in that appellate procedure is simplified, no complicated machinery is set up to trap the unwary, the long waiting list of those to be heard is lessened by disposing of cases on the docket, and the writ of error or appeal prosecuted for the sole purpose of delay loses its prime object. In attaining the desired end the Supreme Court's jurisdiction is unaffected and at the same time its overcrowded docket is relieved. By a wider use of the writ of certiorari and by certificate of the lower court of questions for answer, any case heretofore reviewable by the Supreme Court is, if the Court finds