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## THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION

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The business sessions of the 74th Annual Meeting of the Association held at White Sulphur Springs on September 1-3, 1960, were principally devoted to discussion of the first two months of trial and error in practice under the Rules of Civil Procedure. Judge Alexander Holtzoff addressed the Association and Professor Marlyn Lugar participated with a panel of distinguished West Virginia lawyers in the discussions of the Rules. It is apparent, although there will be areas of doubt as to application of the Rules, that the transition from our former common-law pleading is being accomplished with a minimum of confusion.

The Association, an early advocate of the adoption of the Rules, congratulates the State Bar upon the culmination of this most important work. An obvious incidental benefit to the present law school student body is that they will have, upon admission to the Bar, a better knowledge of the procedure under the Rules than older lawyers who find it difficult to "demand judgment" in a page or two rather than to "pray" for relief upon four or five pages of factual assertions replete with *wherefores*.

The Association continues to maintain an interested membership, in number approximately that of past years. We have thus been in position to continue, with pleasure, our annual financial support of the *Law Review*. The Administrative Law Section continues with its efforts to improve the procedures in administrative practice in the state and sponsored the appearance of Frederick W. Ford, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, at the Association's Annual Meeting. Chairman Ford, a West Virginian, spoke on judicial review of his agency's activities and his address is published in this issue of the *Review* to afford a wide circulation.

The Executive Council of the Association is considering the establishment of other sections within the membership in the belief that we should provide a medium wherein lawyers with particular interest in one phase of law can correlate their desire for advancement in knowledge of that field. Such section work, independently or in conjunction with corresponding sections of the American Bar Asso-

ciation, reflecting the application of new principles to West Virginia practice is deemed to be a desirable advancement in the work of the Association.

The Executive Council earnestly solicits expression from members of the Association as to desired projects for the Association. Our committees are ready to implement any such suggestions.

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