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As the Washington State Bar Association swings heartily into its sixth vigorous year, the Board of Governors wants you to know that:

Fifty-two applicants were admitted to practice as a result of the July examination; results of the January examination will not be released until February 11th, 1939.

As usual, a great deal of the time of the Board has been occupied in the investigation and disposition of complaints. During the past six months, the Board has investigated 69 complaints against members of the Bar. The great majority of these complaints have been dismissed as without merit. Four complaints have been tried. These trials have resulted in one recommendation of disbarment and three recommendations of a disciplinary nature.

In submitting this report, the Board cannot fail to express its appreciation for the painstaking work which has been done by the local Administrative and Trial Committees throughout the State. A great deal of the details in connection with the disciplinary activities of the Board have been handled by the Board's investigator, Mr. S. M. Brackett, in a highly satisfactory manner.

For the first time in its history your Bar Association has a representative in attendance at the legislature at Olympia, Mr. Melvin Ott, of the Adams County Bar, who is residing at the Olympian Hotel during the current session. This representative is working with your Legislative Committee in safeguarding your interests and attempting to foster legislation of mutual benefit to the public and to the profession. At this time the Legislative Committee is sponsoring an amendment to the adoption law in an effort to simplify procedure; is advocating the passage of certain legislation relating to unauthorized practice; is seeking certain amendments to the Inheritance Tax Law, which amendments have the approval of the Inheritance Tax and Escheat Division; and is attempting to secure an amendment to the Uniform Corporation Act.

We express to the members our appreciation of the work done by the Committee on Unlawful Practice and the Committee on the Selection of Judges. Both of these groups have been very active and a great deal of invaluable work has been accomplished by them.

We are glad to report that our President, Mr. Robert E. Evans, of Tacoma, who has been seriously ill for some time, is definitely improved.

Our next Annual Convention will be held at Spokane, Washington, July 21 and 22, 1939. The principal speaker will be the Honorable Frank J. Hogan, President of the American Bar Association, one of the most active and colorful trial lawyers in the United States, and an exceptionally talented public speaker.

The date selected for the State Convention will give members of this Association opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the American Bar Association at San Francisco. This meeting, the Sixty-second Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association, will be held July 10th to July 14th.

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Pre-Trial To Be Explained

Supplementing the announcement contained in the November issue of the STATE BAR JOURNAL, the date for the one-day Legal Institute to be held at the University of Washington Law School has been fixed as Friday, March 31, 1939.

The Institute, to be conducted under the joint auspices of the Washington State Bar Association, the State Judicial Council, the Seattle Bar Association and the Law School, is designed to present for discussion and consideration by the bench and bar of the state some of the recent recommendations of the Section of Judicial Administration of the American Bar Association. Particularly, the Institute will concern itself with the recommendations for pre-trial procedure and for improvements in the law of Evidence.

Judge Joseph A. Moynihan, of Detroit, chairman of the A. B. A. Committee on Pre-trial Procedure, has accepted the invitation of the local committee to open the discussion on that subject.

A summary of the program follows, although it should be noted that a more detailed announcement will, in due course, be mailed to each member of the State Bar Association:

9:00 a. m.-10:30 a. m. *Pre-trial Procedure.*

Speakers: Judge Joseph A. Moynihan of Detroit, Michigan
Judge E. D. Hodge of Tacoma

Discussion led by: Judge Robert S. Macfarlane of Seattle

10:30 a. m.-11:30 a. m. *Physician-Patient Privilege.*

Speaker: Dean Judson F. Falknor of Seattle

Discussion led by: Justice John S. Robinson of Olympia

11:30 a. m.-12:30 p. m. *Self-crimination Privilege.*

Speaker: Professor John W. Richards of University of Washington Law School.

Discussion led by: Mr. Henry Clay Agnew of Seattle

1:30 p. m.- 2:30 p. m. *Survivor's testimony against representative of deceased person (dead-man statute).*

Speaker: Mr. Elwood Hutcheson of Yakima

Discussion led by: Justice Walter B. Beals of Olympia

2:30 p. m.- 3:30 p. m. *Opinion Rule.*

Speaker: Judge William D. Askren of Seattle

Discussion led by: Judge Charles W. Hall of Vancouver

3:30 p. m.- 4:30 p. m. *Hearsay Rule.*

Speaker: Judge Charles H. Paul of Seattle

Discussion led by: Mr. S. Harold Shefelman of Seattle

4:30 p. m.- 5:30 p. m. *Scope of Cross-examination.*

Speaker: Mr. L. R. Hamblen of Spokane

Discussion led by: Judge Malcolm Douglas of Seattle