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## Placement Bureau Completes Second Successful Year; Fills Need of Legal Profession for Employment Problems.

BY MARK H. HARRINGTON\*

The Junior Bar Section of the Colorado Bar Association, formerly known as the Colorado Junior Bar Conference, has had a placement committee for the last two years. The manner in which the committee's efforts were received by the bar, and the results which were achieved, have demonstrated that the work of this committee must be a permanent part of the program of the Junior Bar Section.

The committee has attempted to operate as a central clearing house for young attorneys interested in finding positions in law offices and for established attorneys interested in finding suitable associates. The experience of the committee has been that at times there has been a demand, not only for attorneys who have been newly admitted to the bar, but also for young attorneys with a few years' practical experience.

The committee has registered all applicants who sought its aid and has now established a file containing the names of men who are available for new positions. The file also contains information concerning the training, character, ability and experience of the applicants. The work has been carried out on a confidential basis. No information has been given with respect to the identities of the applicants except to lawyers and firms seeking new associates. Likewise, the knowledge that a particular lawyer or firm was seeking a new associate was treated in confidence. It was believed that this plan of operation was essential to the success of the committee's efforts. The services of the committee have been sought not only by members of the Denver bar, but also by attorneys located in other parts of the state.

The committee has also undertaken to advise young lawyers who are seeking a proper location to establish themselves in the independent practice of law. In connection with this part of the committee's activities, the committee is now undertaking to obtain a sponsor for the young attorney just beginning to practice. This sponsor is in all cases a member of the bar. He is requested to give aid and assistance to the new practitioner in the form of advice on matters of procedure, office management, and customs and practices peculiar to the local community. It is not expected that the sponsor will furnish any financial assistance or aid the young practitioner in obtaining clients, nor give advice on matters of substantive law. In short, the sponsor will be asked to help the young attorney bridge the gap between law school and practice by advising him with respect to those matters of practice and procedure which become known only by active participation in the practice of our profession.

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The success of the committee's efforts depends upon the willingness of the younger members of the bar to register with the committee and upon the willingness of the established members of the profession to make use of its facilities; consequently, it is hoped that the committee will receive the cooperation of all members of the bar. No charges of any kind are made, and the records of the committee are kept at the office of the chairman, 1020 First National Bank Building, Denver. The personnel of the committee is as follows:

Mark H. Harrington (chairman)	Denver
Joseph L. Peterson	Pueblo
Theodore D. Schey, Jr.	Longmont
Cecil S. Haynie	Grand Junction
Frederic B. Emigh	Durango
Charles Kreager, Jr.	Sterling
Harry Hawthorne	Montrose

### Draft Affects Enrollment in Law Schools

Because of the greater average age of men in the law schools, the Selective Service Act has caused a marked decrease in the enrollment in these schools. For example, while the enrollment for the last quarter in the University of Colorado as a whole fell off approximately four per cent., the enrollment in the law school dropped thirty-one per cent. In the academic year of 1939-1940, the law school had one hundred twenty-six students. In the last quarter the number was seventy-six. It is said that this tendency prevails generally in law schools over the country, and with the entry of the United States in the war, it is expected that the tendency will become even more pronounced.

### Otero County Bar Meets

The Bar Association of Otero County held its annual meeting at La Junta, Colorado, and elected George S. Cosand of La Junta, president. W. L. Gobin of Rocky Ford was elected vice president and Robert R. Sabin of La Junta was elected secretary and treasurer.

### Colorado Bar Calendar

January 9-10, 1942	Meeting of Judges at Glenwood Springs
January 17, 1942	Institute at Loveland
February 28, 1942	Institute at Greeley
March, 1942	Institute at Colorado Springs

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