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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF

### THE COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION

Although custom might require a fire-side chat from time to time, your president has not felt that he needed to be prolific in his dictation to *Dicta* for the reason that the Colorado Bar Association has such a talented group of committee chairmen that these gentlemen keep you advised of their activities in their own articles much better than the information could be relayed to you by me.

I have been and am enjoying my term of office and am pleased with my visits to local bar associations. There are only a few that I have not seen.

One matter of current interest deserves special mention; that of the selection of judges. The organized bar ought to assume responsibility for supplying the governor with the names of competent persons for appointment to the bench and we have had that opportunity recently.

Governor Dan Thornton has promptly called upon this association and the Denver Bar Association for advice in connection with his recent appointments to the Supreme Court and the District Courts. We greatly appreciate his consideration and have tried to respond in the most impartial manner, but firmly indicating our views as to qualifications and avoiding all political suggestions. Of course, he had much other advice, but we are pleased that the appointments were in line with our recommendations as to fitness.

It is my hope that the bar associations will have future opportunities similar in nature and, to meet these situations, some thought must be given to the problem of bar primaries. In Illinois there has been a situation which has called for careful consideration of and use of the bar primary and we may benefit from the experience there.

Our convention time approaches—October 25th, 26th and 27th. Look forward to another beneficial program at the Broadmoor.

Yours truly,

EDWARD G. KNOWLES

August 31, 1951

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