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## *A Major Victory for the Integrated Bar*

**A** MAJOR VICTORY for the integrated bar movement was scored on June 19 when the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the Supreme Court of Wisconsin in *Lathrop v. Donohue*. In spite of the two dissents and the equal concern of two other justices that it did not go far enough, the decision can only be viewed as endorsing the efforts of those who have supported the movement. It has silenced the current attack upon the State Bar of Wisconsin; it has positively and authoritatively confirmed the power of a state to set up an organization of the bar of the state and require dues payments by all lawyers; and it has quite clearly forecast that even if this appellant or another should bring up a record designed to fit the specifications of the Brennan opinion, a majority of the present court could not be mustered to overturn it.

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin, in its 1958 opinion indefinitely extending the integrated bar, carefully reviewed its experience with it during the preceding two-year period and announced its conclusion that integration was a desirable device to aid in achieving the bar's objectives in the fields of administration of justice, law reform and legal practice. This is in full accord with the experience in the rest of the majority of states that have adopted the integrated bar.

The contributions of the Supreme Court to judicial reform have been

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