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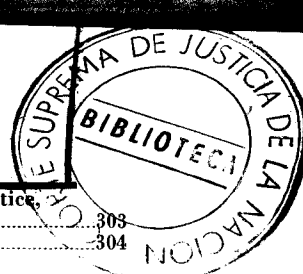
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Lawyer Referral and Unauthorized Practice

NO OTHER activity of the organized bar is more misunderstood by non-lawyers than the fight against unauthorized practice of law. The practice of law is everywhere a government sanctioned legal monopoly, and it is very easy even for friendly laymen to look upon the work of unauthorized practice committees as merely a matter of keeping intruders out of the lawyers' private domain.

The National Conference on Unauthorized Practice of Law held in New York on May 24-26 ought to be of some help in dispelling mistaken ideas about it. Former A.B.A. President John D. Randall, a long-time leader in the field of unauthorized practice, emphasized in his address to the Conference that elimination of unauthorized practice is, in fact, one of the public service programs of the bar. This is true because, in spite of individual exceptions, non-lawyers are not capable of rendering adequate legal services, and it is the responsibility and duty of lawyers not only to correct the mistakes of unqualified practitioners when they can, but also to do what they can to prevent them from being made in the first place.

There are two ways of doing that, one negative and one affirmative. The negative one consists of keeping a sharp eye open for evidences of unauthorized practice and taking suitable action against the offenders to put a stop to their activities. The affirmative approach is to see that every person has

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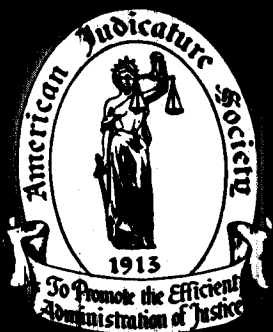
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