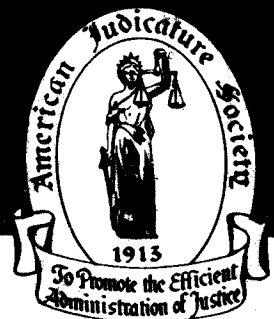


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Magna Carta of Judicial Reform

THE CONSENSUS statement of the American Assembly on "The Courts, the Public and the Law Explosion" is destined to rank, along with the consensus of the 1959 National Conference on Judicial Selection and Court Administration and the "Effective Justice" formula of the Joint Committee for the Effective Administration of Justice, as one of the great historic documents in American legal history. A review of its 18 recommendations and the supporting introductory paragraphs will disclose that it makes four urgent demands.

1. *Justice done.* The bulk of the specific recommendations are concerned with pointing out ways by which we may make more certain that justice is done for everybody who needs it—for the criminal defendant, the automobile accident victim, the alcoholic, the narcotics addict,—for everyone who comes or may come to court.

This is to be done by providing honest and competent judges, selected on merit, adequately paid, in adequate numbers, working in a well organized and well managed judicial system with proper jurisdiction and with modern and efficient procedures.

These recommendations follow the general lines of the National Conference and Joint Committee statements, and they are especially noteworthy because for the first time in this country laymen alone are saying these