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The object of the Fall meeting of this committee is to secure the attendance of representatives of the affiliated Bar Associations that the work of the Associations may be coordinated and outlined for the current year.

The committee feels that this is most worthwhile, but that its work may be undertaken at an earlier date, it recommends that the members of this committee be nominated and their nomination approved at the annual meetings of the Association since under the present practice, the members of the committee are not approved by the Board of Governors until after its first meeting has been held.

The matter of the court reorganization plan was submitted to your committee for the purpose of ascertaining the feeling of the affiliated Bar Associations in connection therewith. The committee feels that the plan should receive intensive study by the local Associations during the coming year and has so recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REPORT OF BENCH AND BAR COMMITTEE

TO THE MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Your Committee reports

During the several years last past, many of our members have advocated the publication of a medium through which members might keep in close touch with the activities of our Association, believing that an informed membership would inevitably mean a stronger and more enduring organization. To carry out the thoughts thus expressed, the Board of Governors decided to re-publish monthly the BENCH AND BAR as the official publication of the Association and delegated to the Committee the task of attending to the details in connection therewith. However, most of the work of getting the material together and the editing thereof has fallen on the shoulders of our genial secretary and his office staff.

As a result, the first issue came off the press in December, 1943. Up to the time of the making of this Report, three additional issues have been printed. From the many favorable comments received, it is self-evident that the publication is a success from the start.

The Committee has appointed the Secretary of each District Bar Association as the official district reporter for the BENCH AND BAR, and from the reports coming in from them of the doings in the several districts and published in the BENCH AND BAR, you will see that they are doing their job well. It affords an opportunity for members to discuss problems of interest to all lawyers throughout the State and we invite the members to make free use of its pages for that purpose.

We have invited the District Judges to submit for publication an outline of cases of special interest tried in their Courts, and we hope they will avail themselves of this opportunity. To give publication to such cases will be a distinct service to the Bar.

The cost of each issue is about \$300.00 per month. To date the advertising has substantially paid the cost. Some of the advertising contracts are on a monthly basis, some quarterly and some semi-annual and some annual. Some of these contracts may not be renewed when they expire and it may become necessary to call upon the members, on a per capita basis, to pay the difference between the amount received from the advertis-