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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGAL INSTITUTES

TO THE MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Your Committee recommends:

### Recommendations

1. That the present list of proposed Legal Institutes be thoroughly revised and revitalized.
2. That the State Bar Association, through its officers and committees, vigorously promote Legal Institutes throughout the state.
3. That the publication and distribution of some of the Legal Institutes or resumes thereof be fostered.
4. That more Minnesota lawyers be encouraged to prepare for publication articles of interest to Minnesota lawyers.

### Report

In reviewing the report of this committee which was made last year, it is with some satisfaction that we find the five recommendations were followed during this past year. On the other hand, it is with regret that we find there have been fewer Legal Institutes during this past year. To some extent this may be explained by the fact that the committee has found it advisable to exert some of its efforts in other directions.

During the past year the committee has spent considerable time in dealing with veterans' problems as they relate to Legal Institutes. The committee has studied and sponsored the correspondence courses prepared and offered by the Practising Law Institute.

The committee prepared, published, and distributed the Legal Institute on "Preparation of Trusts and Wills as a Method of Preserving Estates." This publication has been well received by the members of the Bar, and many of the members have reported that they have found this pamphlet of great help to them.

The present list of proposed Legal Institutes has been in existence for several years, although there have been yearly revisions. Many of the local Associations have now exhausted most of the subjects offered. Therefore, it is recommended that the present list be thoroughly and carefully revised. Your committee has a number of suggestions and recommendations which have come to them during the last year and which will be turned over to the next year's committee. If a new list of Legal Institutes with some new personnel is prepared and distributed to the Bar, the State Bar Association should do all in its power to promote the holding of Legal Institutes throughout the state.

Because the pamphlet which was prepared and distributed last year was so well received, your committee believes there should be more such publications, either in pamphlet form or through the use of the "Bench and Bar" or the "Minnesota Law Review."

The Minnesota State Bar Association can well boast of the fact that it has some of the most able lawyers in the United States among its membership. It has been called to the attention of your committee that in recent years there have not been many articles written by Minnesota lawyers on legal subjects for distribution locally or nationally. While it may not be within the scope of this committee to encourage the preparation and distribution of such articles, nevertheless, this committee does believe that the State Bar Association, acting through this committee or some other committee,