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To the Minnesota State Bar Association:

Your Committee reports:

Report

The work of this Committee has been almost entirely limited to the work in connection with the on-the-job training for lawyers under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill of Rights). At the last meeting of the Bar Association, the plan had been approved by the Association and by the State Department of Education, and certain applications under it had been processed by the local Veterans Administration and applicants were receiving payments. Just prior to the last annual meeting, the balance of the pending applications were held up, and your Committee and the Association took the matter up with the Veterans Administration in Washington, with other State Associations and brought the matter to the attention of our senators and representatives.

Under date of August 28, 1946, a ruling based upon the following amendment to the G. I. Bill was promulgated. The specific amendment to the Act was as follows:

“No course of training will be considered bona fide if given to a veteran who is already qualified by training and experience for the job objective.”

The ruling promulgated was as follows:

“The veteran who has been admitted to the bar and is recognized by the state as legally qualified to practice law has attained the job objective of lawyer.”

Upon instructions from the Board of Governors, the Committee made further representations to the Veterans Administration in an attempt to reverse this administrative interpretation. There has been no change in the ruling.

The compensation of veterans under the plan whose applications had been approved was discontinued after August, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

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