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Yakima Lawyer Wins American Bar Essay Contest

The American Bar Association recently announced the award of its annual \$2,000 essay contest prize to Elwood Hutcheson of the Yakima Bar.

This annual contest is open to all members of the American Bar Association and the subject is chosen each year by a committee in charge. The prize was established by the late Judge Erskine M. Ross of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. By his will, Judge Ross established a \$100,000 fund for the purpose of financing the annual award.

The subject for last year concerned the appointment or election of judges, and in his essay of approximately ten thousand words, Hutcheson favored the appointment of judges, with certain modifications.

Hutcheson is a graduate of the University of Washington. He formerly practiced in Seattle, but has for some years past been a member of the firm of LaBerge, Cheney & Hutcheson, of Yakima.

His essay will be read at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Kansas City, Mo., in September. This is the fourth year in which the award has been made, and the value of the prize was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 this year.

The winning of this prize by a member of the Washington Bar is a distinct honor and credit to the standards of the profession and legal education in the state.

The Final Brief

The Hon. Roscoe R. Smith, Judge of the Superior Court of King County, died suddenly in Seattle on May 27, 1937.

Judge Smith was born in Nebraska in 1884. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, served in the Legislature and as a probate judge in that state, and later practiced law in Alaska before coming to Seattle in 1921. He was appointed to the King County Bench by Governor Hartley in May, 1932, and at the election held later that year was elected to succeed himself, and was reelected for a four-year term in 1936.

In addition to his judicial service, Judge Smith was in 1935 appointed to the lumber strike mediation board by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, in June, 1935.

At the time this is written no successor has been appointed by Governor Martin to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Smith.

Joseph Rosslow, of Spokane, died May 14, 1937. He was born February 13, 1865, in the State of Ohio, and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1887. He came to Spokane in 1889, where he read law and was thereafter admitted to practice. He was engaged in the general practice of law in Spokane until the date of his death. In 1929 he was appointed United States Commissioner by Judge J. Stanley Webster of the United States Dis-

trict Court, and continued to hold such office up to the date of his death. He left his widow and two sons, Fred S. Rosslow and Walter B. Rosslow.

CYRUS HAPPY, of Tacoma, announces the removal of his offices to 1205 Rust Building, in the same suite with the firm of Ellis & Evans and Clarence E. Layton.

LESLIE JOCHIMSEN, of Puyallup, has assumed the office of City Attorney for Puyallup, to which he was elected last fall.

JOHN W. SPILLER, a graduate of the University of Washington Law School of class of 1929, who has been practicing in Chelan, Washington, was recently appointed deputy prosecuting attorney for Chelan County.

LYNN J. GEMMILL, former deputy prosecutor of Chelan County, was elevated to the post of prosecutor for that county upon the resignation of Sam M. Driver.

GLENN B. CREIGHTON, a member of the Bar and former County Clerk and County Assessor for Spokane County, announces the opening of an office for the practice of law at his residence in Opportunity.

ALFRED THOMPSON, of Seattle, announces the removal of his offices in that city from 1515 Hoge Building to 1474 Dexter Horton Building.

MASON WHEELER, of Seattle, announces the removal of his office for the general practice of law to 1011 American Bank Building, Second Avenue at Madison Street, Seattle, Washington.

IVAN E. MERRICK and HEREFORD T. FITCH announce the association of EDWARD W. MATHEWSON, KERMIT M. HAMMER and MAJOR RICHARD S. ESKRIDGE with the firm of Merrick & Fitch, 700 Insurance Building, Seattle, Washington.

ADOLPH D. KOCH, of Seattle, announces the removal of his law office to 1026 Henry Building where he is associated with the law firm of Case, Dillon & Carney.

CHARLES H. TODD, of Seattle, announces the opening of offices for the general practice of law at 1410 Hoge Building, associated with the firm of Bausman, Oldham, Cohen & Jarvis.

C. K. POE, A. J. FALKNOR and DEWOLFE EMORY announce the association of DRAYTON F. HOWE as a member of the firm and that hereafter the firm name will be Poe, Falknor, Emory & Howe, with offices at 977 Dexter Horton Building, Seattle.

GEORGE E. MATHIEU announces the removal of his offices to 1107 American Bank Building with the firm of Rummens & Griffin.

S. R. CLEGG and LAWRENCE HICKMAN announce the formation of a law partnership under the name of Clegg & Hickman, with offices in the Grady Building, Colfax, Washington.

BYRON D. SCOTT, CLIFFORD M. LANGHORNE and LEO A. MCGAVICK announce the formation of a partnership under the firm name of Scott, Langhorne and McGavick, with offices at 620 Perkins Building, Tacoma.

FRANK HALE will also have offices with this firm.

CHARLES T. PETERSON, of Tacoma, announces the removal of his offices to the fifth floor of the Perkins Building, in the same location with THOMAS McMAHON and RICHARD R. HODGE.