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Mr. Brooke, the newly elected member of the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association, representing the Fifth Congressional District, was born at Sprague, Washington, August 30, 1892. He received his education in the public schools in Spokane and graduated from Stanford University with the degree of L. L. B. in 1916. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity, and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. He has practiced law in Spokane continuously since his graduation from college, first being associated with Hamblen & Gilbert until 1921, and since that year a member of the firm of Hamblen, Gilbert & Brooke. He is a former president of the Spokane Bar Association and Spokane Kiwanis Club, and at the present time is president of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, a member of the Board of Trustees of Washington Children's Home Society, and a member of the Chapter of St. John's Cathedral (Episcopal). He is married and has two sons and one daughter, his oldest son being at this time a Freshman at Stanford University. His hobbies are golf and woodworking.

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One of the principal objectives of the Washington State Bar Association, as pointed out by the Bellingham Convention, is to better the relations existing between the bar and the public.

Our Committee on Examinations and Admissions has functioned with the greatest efficiency to the end that no unfit person be permitted to practice in this state to the damage of the public and the injury of the bar. Our disciplinary activities have had but one end in view, namely, to eliminate evil practices which lower the public's regard for courts and lawyers.

A common cause of public criticism directed against us lies in the bungling of laymen who attempt to assume the lawyer's function. Against these offenders our Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law has been active. Its work will be continued.

The question of minimum fee schedules was deemed by the Bellingham Convention to be a local rather than a state-wide one. Consequently, your Board of Governors can do little more than compile the results of local action. These will be at your disposal as fast as we can procure them.

The broad question of the relation of the lawyer to the public is being worked out upon new lines by your Committee on Public Relations.

Conformable to the resolution passed at the State Convention at Bellingham in August, the Board of Governors has worked out, with the Committee on Public Relations, the following plan:

A series of three radio broadcasts, similar in tenor to the sample broadcast given at Bellingham, were given in November and December. These were sponsored by the Oregon and Washington State Bar Associations. In October your Board of Governors held a joint meeting with the Oregon board, and the Oregon board, was very favorably impressed with the plan outlined by your committee, and listened with great interest to a repetition of the Bellingham broadcast. Result, Oregon has agreed to share one-third of the expense of the trial programs referred to above.

These broadcasts went out from KOMO, Seattle; KHQ, Spokane, and KGW, Portland, at 8:30 to 9:00 P. M. on three successive Saturdays, commencing November 27. You were notified of the specific dates shortly before the first broadcast.

Upon the conclusion of the broadcasts, you were called upon to express by ballot your opinion as to whether these programs should be continued. The cost to this Association of the continued broadcast was explained by letter accompanying your ballot.

The problem of bettering our relations with the public is paramount to any problem faced by the profession today. It touches every other objective we have, including the problems of high standards, disciplinary activity and unlawful practice.

You and your friends are to judge whether or not the means selected seem to fulfill the mandate you gave your Board of Governors in August.