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Changes in Bar Officials

New Officers, Governors and Committee Members Are Embarking on Active Program for 1939-1940.

With the new president, Thomas E. Grady of Yakima, presiding and one new member of the board, Joseph E. Hall of Vancouver, who succeeded A. A. Hull of Chehalis in the Third Congressional District, the Board of Governors got off to a flying start in the new year at the September meeting held in Seattle.

The wide experience which Judge Grady brings to the position of president, obtained as judge of the Superior Court, member of the Board of Bar Examiners, and more recently as a member of the Judicial Council, has already proven of great value to the board in its deliberations and we feel that this year will be one of the most successful in the history of the integrated bar. Also, in Mr. Hall of Vancouver, the new board member, we have found an able and conscientious co-worker.

The report of the Committee of Law Examiners on the July examination was received and the seventy-four successful applicants were recommended to the Supreme Court for admission.

In the appointment of committees, an effort was made not only to secure committeemen who would work, but also to pass some of the committee work to those who heretofore have not served.

It was with sincere regret that the Board of Governors accepted the resignation of Floyd B. Danskin and Clifford Newton from the Committee of Law Examiners. During the years that they have served on the committee, these two gentlemen have performed a valuable service to the bar in the state of Washington.

As has been the case since the organization of the integrated bar, most of the time at board meetings is taken up with the consideration of disciplinary matters and applications for admission on motion by attorneys who have heretofore practiced in other states. The board carefully investigates and passes upon the facts involved in each complaint. Upon the applications for admission on motion, a searching investigation is made and the results are carefully considered by the board before affirmative action is taken.

Because of the necessity of protecting the good name of the bar generally, and the many lawyers against whom charges are made which, upon investigation, prove wholly without foundation, most of the work of the Board of Governors must be done behind closed doors. It is not strange, therefore, that many members of the bar, who have not taken an active part in bar association activities or considered carefully reports of its various committees, have but little idea of the volume and magnitude of the work that goes through the Seattle office, practically all of which receives the attention of the board as such.