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CATHOLIC LAWYERS' GUILDS

The editors of *THE CATHOLIC LAWYER* have long recognized the tremendous need for the establishment of a central clearing house for the exchange of information, ideas and advice among the various Catholic lawyers' guilds which are in existence or in the process of organization. As stated by the editors in the first issue of *THE CATHOLIC LAWYER*: "The professional, social and religious activities of groups of Catholic lawyers here and abroad [will be] chronicled to stimulate similar activities among other like groups."¹

Editorial experience, however, has indicated the impracticality of adequately chronicling the many and diverse activities of separate guilds. Furthermore, the type of information most sought in this area from our editorial board has been advice on organizational problems and operational functions rather than news of local guild events.

Aware, therefore, of the assistance which this periodical can provide to Catholic lawyers' guilds on these matters and related subjects, *THE CATHOLIC LAWYER*, commencing with this issue, is inaugurating this new section which is intended as a forum for such considerations.

In succeeding issues, as the need arises, this section will print materials of general interest and help to lawyers' guilds. In addition, it will respond to requests for information and advice. Dr. Harold F. McNiece has been intrusted with this section and has written its basic article which appears on the following pages.

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¹ Tinnelly, *The Catholic Lawyer — An Idea and a Program*, 1 *CATHOLIC LAWYER* 3,5 (Jan. 1955).