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Establishment of Washington and Lee Law School Association

The idea of a Law School Association originated with a small group of alumni who were concerned about the means of focusing the interest of practicing graduates upon the work and problems of the Law School, and who were also impressed with the success in this direction of similar organizations at other universities. The matter was informally discussed and studied by this group over a considerable period of time, was mentioned to Dean Williams and President Gaines, and finally culminated this spring in the enlistment of a sort of organizing committee composed of 50-odd lawyers in four or five nearby cities. It was this committee which met in Lexington on Tuesday, May 6, adopted a Constitution, and elected the following officers:

President, Martin P. Burks; Vice-President, Carter Glass, III; Secretary-Treasurer, E. McGruder Faris, Jr.

Members of the Council; 3-year term, Walter E. Hoffman, J. Randolph Tucker, Jr.; 2-year term, Samuel H. Williams, Randolph G. Whittle; 1-year term, R. S. Kime, Paul C. Buford.

The officers, and indeed all of the members of the organizing committee, are from a handful of Virginia cities. This resulted from the fact that it was necessary to recruit the first members from places where there was considerable concentration of W. and L. lawyers, many of whom would be willing to make the trip to Lexington to attend the organizing meeting. The object is to enlist the support of all Law School alumni and it is earnestly hoped that our alumni generally may become interested so that the association will be truly representative. Membership dues of \$1.00 per year for men who have been practicing less than five years and \$5.00 per year for those with more than five years practice should be mailed to E. McGruder Faris, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, care of School of Law, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

A copy of the full text of the Constitution adopted at the meeting held in Lexington on May 6, may be obtained from Mr. Faris, on request. However, three of the outstanding Articles read as follows:

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of this Association are to enlist and encourage the interest of alumni in the instructional programs of the School of Law of

Washington and Lee University, to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Law School and to encourage a mutuality of interest in sound and thorough legal training as well as a spirit of fellowship among the members of the Association.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The following classes of persons shall be eligible for active membership in the Association:

- a. (1) All graduates, all former students honorably dismissed and all senior class students of the Law School;
- (2) Members of the Faculty of the Law School;
- (3) Members of the Bar who are former students honorably dismissed from any department of the University.
- b. Honorary members may be elected by the Association on nomination by the Council.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

- a. An Annual Meeting shall be held at Washington and Lee University in each calendar year on a date to be fixed by the President, of which at least ten days notice shall be given by publication in the *Alumni Magazine* or by mail.
- b. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or the Council upon like notice to that required for annual meetings.