

State Bar Acts Against Laymen In Lawyer Role

The Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar says the obtaining of a permanent injunction against a Portland business man is but one of a series in its campaign to protect the public from dangers and attempts by laymen to practice law.

Circuit Judge Forrest L. Hubbard of Baker, sitting in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, recently issued a permanent injunction against C. D. Hageman, who operates a business called a service bureau in the Grand Central Market.

Paul E. Geddes, Roseburg, president of the Oregon State Bar, said this is the second in a series of suits of this type.

Many complaints by the public have been received, he said, indicating that laymen have been attempting to perform legal services to the detriment of the public.

To protect the public from having their wills or business transactions such as property sales declared invalid, the Board said court restraining orders will be sought whenever laymen are found attempting to practice law.

Invalid Will Drawn

Among other things the court found that Hageman, who is not a lawyer, attempted to draw a will. This will was found invalid by probate court and as a result, when this person died his property was distributed as though there had been no will at all.

The Board of Governors pointed out that this danger from improperly drawn wills is but one of the pitfalls which face those who attempt to have their legal business done by persons not authorized to practice law by the Supreme Court of Oregon.

The court also found that Hageman had attempted to prepare a deed and had charged a fee for doing this work as well as preparing wills.

Judge Hubbard's order specifically restrains him from attempting to draw wills or deeds and in general prohibits him from practicing law in any manner.

The bar's program is headed by William J. Crawford of Portland, who serves as general chairman of the Oregon State Bar's committee on unauthorized practice of law. The committee roster contains the names of 37 Oregon lawyers, with Philip Hayter, Dallas, Charles R. Cater, La Grande, William Miller, Portland and Ray B. Compton, Roseburg, serving as vice-chairmen in their respective congressional districts.

Insurance Cost Doubled For State-Owned Cars

SALEM (AP)—Liability and property damage insurance on the 4,000 state-owned cars and trucks will cost almost twice as much during the year beginning July 1, Harry Dorman, state finance director, said Wednesday.

Dooly & Co., Portland, bidding for General Casualty Co., submitted the only bid. It was for \$124,939, compared with the \$69,444 the same company is charging for the insurance during the present fiscal year.

The company told Dorman it was forced to boost the rate because of the increased cost of settling claims, more accidents, and bigger awards by juries in damage cases.

Dorman said the company lost money this year on the insurance.

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