ALUMNI NEWS

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Miss Dorothea Blender was graduated from The Law School in 1932 and for twenty years has been a staff member and official of the Commerce Clearing House, Inc., of Chicago. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Blender, of Peoria, Miss Blender came to the University after three years at Bradley University. While at The Law School she was made a member of Kappa Beta Pi, the legal sorority, and in her last year at The Law School served as dean of the chapter.

Miss Blender joined the Commerce Clearing House, where for five years she served as editor on bankruptcy, state tax, and trust reporters. In 1937 she transferred to the sales department and now holds the office of assistant to the president. When we asked Miss Blender just what she does, she replied, “My duties involve just about everything—from keeping in touch with what lawyers are doing and thinking to helping plan new publications. As you may know, our business has grown enormously since the early days, reflecting the growth of federal and state taxes and the increasing control of business. Because most of our publications concern tax and business regulatory law, my interest naturally centers in these fields.”

Not only has Dorothea Blender made important contributions to the Illinois and the National Women's Bar Associations but she has served for the last two years as a member of the American Bar Association's standing committee on publications. From 1948 to 1950 she was editor of the Women Lawyers' Journal but insists that she is no ardent feminist. “I hold no particular brief for women being lawyers unless their intellectual and personality traits point in that direction. I am an ardent admirer of Soia Mentschikoff and believe that The Law School is to be congratulated in appointing her to its faculty. Her views on women in the law are just about mine, and she happens to be realistic and hardheaded but not at all with a chip on her shoulder.”

In concluding her remarks about herself, Miss Blender in return complimented The Law School. “I should like to be able to come back to The Law School and start all over again under the new program. The alumni are thrilled with the great development in The Law School and expect even greater things in the future.”

We know that alumni will watch with interest the September meeting of the National Association of Women Lawyers and look forward to greeting its future president.

Andrew J. Dallstream

There is no need for delay, however, in congratulating Andrew J. Dallstream '17, who on June 12 was elected president of the Chicago Bar Association.

Andrew Dallstream came to the University from James Millikan University in Decatur and won the Ph.B. and J.D. degrees in 1917. A native of Hoopeston, Illinois, Mr. Dallstream settled in Centralia after service in World War I. He was a partner in the firm of Noleman, Smith and Dallstream. He was active in civic and bar affairs in southern Illinois and served as chairman of the grievance committee of the Illinois State Bar Association for the southern district.

In 1927 he left Centralia to join the now nearly hundred-year-old firm of Pam and Hurd in Chicago. Today he is senior partner, and Pam and Hurd is now Dallstream, Schiff, Stern and Hardin. The firm will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in 1953.
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