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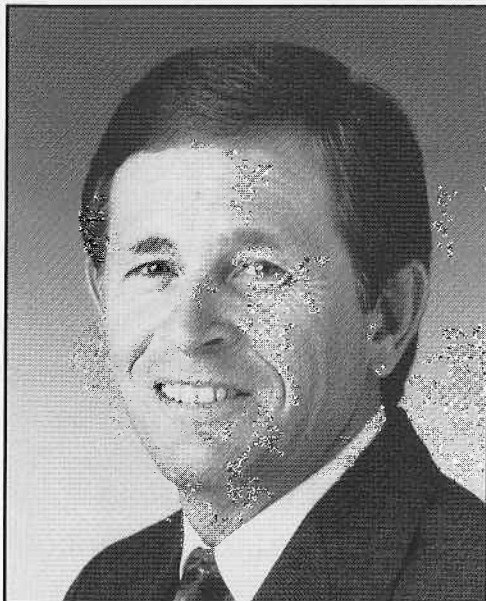
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to the Utah Supreme Court
and the Bar Membership
SPECIAL EDITION

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INTRODUCTION

July, 1993



Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of your Board of Bar Commissioners, I am pleased to present this 1992-93 Annual Report of the Activities of the Utah State Bar. This is the first Annual Report to be published in several years. While some may view this Report as nothing more than a self-serving public relations effort on the part of the Bar, it is in keeping with one of the commission's major focuses this past year -- improving communication by keeping you informed about how your dues monies are being spent and what activities are being undertaken by your elected Commissioners. I personally make no apologies for wanting lawyers and the public alike to know of the many excellent initiatives begun by the Bar this past year. I am very proud of what has been accomplished through the efforts of many, including the Bar Commission, the staff and various committee and section heads. The Report also serves as a reminder to the people of the State of Utah that lawyers are dedicated, productive and contributing members of our community.

This year, for the first time in recent history, the Bar Commission met together in an organized planning session to set goals and priorities for the upcoming year. During this two day session (one day of which involved a joint meeting with the Supreme Court) the Commission adopted a mission statement, authorized the creation of several special task forces, and established various objectives for the year. This planning session set the tone and the agenda for what turned out to be a very hectic twelve months. The results of those twelve months of activity are summarized in this Report. Please take the time to review the Report. I believe you will be pleased with how your dues have been spent and surprised at the vast amount of time and energy spent by hundreds of lawyers.

During the past year, your Board of Bar Commissioners was committed to acting as fiduciaries over your licensing dues. The Board has not only stayed within budget, but has made substantial principal prepayments to the mortgage on the Utah Law & Justice Center. As a result, the debt on the Center should be retired completely by 1995.

INTRODUCTION CONTINUED

In May of this year, the Utah Supreme Court, in a historic ruling, reaffirmed the need for a mandatory Bar to regulate and manage the legal profession in Utah. The Court reaffirmed the Bar's role of not only regulating admissions and discipline, but also in fostering legal education, public service, and professionalism. This year, more than ever before, the Court and Commission have worked together to further these objectives.

On a personal level, I have found my year as president to be energizing and invigorating. I tried to focus my attention on better communication -- soliciting your input, ideas and participation and letting you know in advance what the Bar is doing. I spent the first month of my presidency meeting with members of small firms and solo practitioners in an effort to learn of their unique needs. During my term I sent out eight special mailings to keep you informed of events regarding the Bar and Bench and to keep you involved in the Bar's decision making process. I reinstated the practice of holding Commission meetings throughout the state and I personally visited every region in the state to meet with local Bar leaders and members. We published two special editions of the *Utah Bar Journal* to better assure that you were aware of the Commission's activities and understood how you could get involved. This year, more lawyers served on Bar committees than ever before in our history. In an age of increasing disaffection with institutions, your willingness to serve the profession and the public through the Bar is heartening, indeed.

A successful year, however measured, is obviously the result of the hard work of many. This past year was no exception. Your elected and ex-officio Commissioners have worked tirelessly, as have the Bar staff and the attorneys in the Office of Bar Counsel. James Lee, chair of the Futures Commission, Richard Burbidge, chair of the Task Force on Solo/Small Firm Practice and Din Whitney, chair of our ADR Committee, gave extraordinary service in their assignments. A special thanks goes to Executive Director John Baldwin. John not only had to deal with 10 "type A" Commissioners, but also with a President who had 1001 ideas, only one tenth of which conceivably could be started and finished during a one year term. Our organization is fortunate to have an individual of John's talents and dedication.

I leave the Bar in Jim Clegg's capable hands. I wish him wisdom, humor, vision, much good luck and renewal of our officers and directors liability policy. But most of all, I wish him understanding partners, because even though being Bar President is a volunteer job, it is an all consuming job. A job that is rewarding, however, and for which I am grateful to have had for a short -- yet long -- year.

Randy L. Dryer

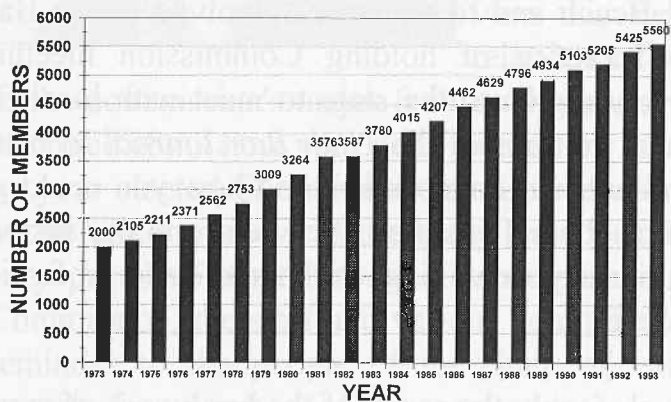
MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Bar membership reached 5,560 total active and inactive lawyers in 1993. Percentage growth has been steady over the past twenty years, except for 1982 when there was only a small increase of licensed lawyers. Utah's overall population has shown similarly increasing trends, and the percentage of lawyers to total population has remained constant for the past seven years.

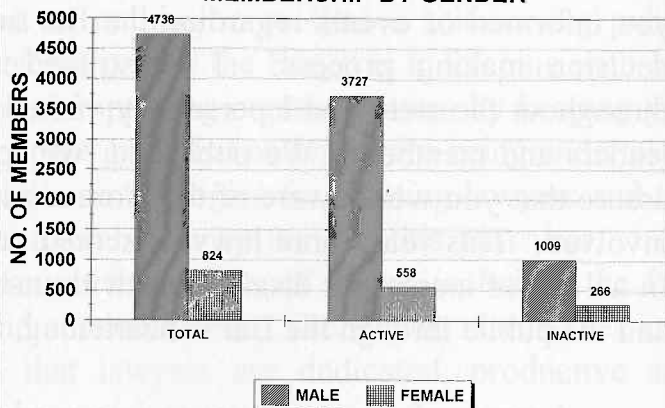
The following graphs break down the Bar membership by gender, age, region, years of practice and status. The average Bar member is still male, but more women are joining the profession. Most Bar members practice in the Salt Lake region, but numbers are growing elsewhere. The age category with the largest number of lawyers is now between 30 - 40 years of age and

the category with the largest number of lawyers by years of practice is between 10 - 20 years. The ratio of active to inactive lawyers remains constant at around 3.36 to 1. For a more detailed profile of the Utah State Bar, please see the Futures Commission Report, a copy of which may be obtained at the Utah Law and Justice Center.

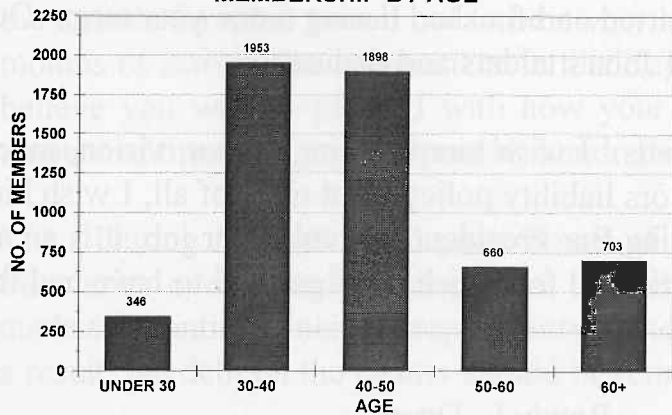
MEMBERSHIP 1973-1993



MEMBERSHIP BY GENDER



MEMBERSHIP BY AGE



MEMBERSHIP BY YEARS OF PRACTICE

