

FIRST A MAN, THEN A LAWYER

Eminent Men Define the Attributes of a Successful Lawyer.

IT IS GOOD HARD SENSE AND INTEGRITY

Opinions of Ex-President Cleveland, Senator Ingalls, Chauncy M. Depew, Justice Bradley, John C. Black and Others.

Thousands of young lawyers are daily asking the question, "How can I succeed as the bar?" The profession is undoubtedly crowded, yet each year scores of fresh graduates to the American bar anxious for distinction in an arena in which their greatest strengths are trained and developed.

Some eminent men have answered this question. Their ideas are sound and contain the experience of years of labor and triumph.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S ADVICE

If I were to tender any advice to young men in the legal profession or contemplating such a career, I think I could not refrain from asking them to dismiss from their minds the notion that they had better make up in an uncertain degree of eloquence and quaint address before courts and juries. No one should enter the profession who is not prepared to do very hard, continuous and often tedious work. I should follow this advice by saying that there is no substitute about the law, as in everything else, honesty and frank, fair dealing is not only enjoined by good morals, but is the best policy. It is a definite test to suppose that the noble profession of the law can be faithfully pursued without constantly being tried to outwit others.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

UNQUOTE AS IT SEEMS TO US.

How to attain success and fortune in the practice of the law.

So far as I know there is no prescription for fame or fortune. A man may deserve both and obtain neither; or he may deserve neither and obtain both. The only way to be successful, so far as my observation goes, is to succeed.

THOMAS G. SHEARMAN, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND

COLONEL SHEARMAN'S TEN RULES.

To attain eminence a lawyer it is necessary to have a thorough education.

2. Follow that after graduating from college by continued study, especially in constitutional law.

3. Become familiar with the practice and procedure of the courts.

4. In giving advice to clients a lawyer should always put himself in the place of his client, and then ask, What should I do in such a case? And whatever he sees to be the interest of himself in such a case, that is the course he should advise his client to pursue.

5. Never make or oppose a motion simply for the purpose of giving advice.

6. Be a good manager in speaking and the habit of thinking on the foot. Particulars of good humor constantly through all arguments, all examination and cross-examination of witnesses, and every summing up, to sustain the cause of justice as well as the judges of those courts. An even temper should be preserved in his bearing before the courts, and in no case should he endeavor to affect the jury by his manner of dress, and in all instances short, clean, terse arguments should be made, and this done submit the matter to the court without further talk.

A. H. GARLAND,

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE BIRCHARD, UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Moral sense, brains, learning, tact and experience, each is necessary to make a lawyer.

First, Moral Sense.—Without a high sense of moral obligation a man can never abide and possess the true principles of the law, which are based upon right as well as reason.

Second, Brains.—Or intellectual power and grace. The quality of that quality is so obvious that it need not be dwelt upon.

Third, Learning.—This is also an obvious requisite. Upland well said, "Jurisprudence est diuinum atque humerum mentis iustitiae et iustitiae scire."

My last point is that a lawyer is the constitutional adviser of men in all human affairs.

Fourth, Tact.—Without tact a lawyer is like a ship which has lost its rudder. His words will tell him what to do; tell him how to do it.

Fifth, Experience.—This is merely a part of his education. The more of it he has, other things being equal, the more perfect he becomes, and the more he can do, as a general rule.

Whether he succeeds or fails in all these propositions is due to natural aptitude, but must be added intense and persistent labor.

JOSEPH P. BRADLEY,

The rest is a matter of degree. Sharp practice, trickery, chicanery, and appearance of extraneous cunning, while may be helpful, may easily end in disaster, for the whole world always sees a sharp man, and may finally ruin the jury and the judge. Most young men fail to be unwilling to do the drudgery of the office, and filling the part they are asked to play, and this is the secret of their success. I have known many a young man to rise to a position in the firm over the heads of those who had been years in the same office, because of a cheerful and witty disposition, a good sense of law, a good heart, and with these qualities.

But the truth is that it takes three times the amount of other good qualities to compensate for the want of these.

"Little Jarvis," by Moller Elliot Seawell, is a thrilling naval story and the events connected with it are supposed to have taken place in the United States. It is an exceedingly fascinating book and a most suitable present for boys. Published by D. Appleton & Co., New York.

Student of biology will find Gal Hammon's "A Second Supplement to the Kreutzer Sonata" are precisely the kind of literature that a person would take delight in reading. The work is published by Den. R. Thicker, Boston, Mass.

A LAWYER'S ESSENTIAL QUALITIES.

The essential qualities for a successful lawyer are, first, good health, sound digestion, good powers of reasoning, quick perception, sound judgment, a logical habit of mind, and unwavering diligence.

have left him honest and integrity, because he is a man of principle, a man of honor, a man of law, a man who is willing to stand by his own principles.

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One of the most useful documents issued is that of the American Bar Association.

It is a manual of law and contains an enormous amount of self-sacrifice and self-control.

A really honest mind is of immense value to lawyers, considered even from the mere selfish point of view, for it gives them a clear conscience.

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