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TO ASSIST THE NOVICE IN THE
PREPARATION OF THE MOST
DIFFICULT LAWSUIT
FOR TRIAL

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To the memory of
my father

JOEL M. LONGENECKER

who taught me to think, seek and act for
myself

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PREFACE

HOW TO PREPARE A CASE FOR TRIAL

The young lawyer just admitted to the bar, who starts out to practice alone, is confronted with a gigantic task. He is frequently called upon to give advice upon a state of facts new to him, and to answer questions indiscriminately and quickly; or he is asked if it is advisable to adjust a claim rather than be put to the expense and inconvenience of attendance in court.

Then again, he is confronted, for the first time with this situation, he has been unable to adjust a claim, suit has been brought and he must prepare his case for trial.

Look where he will he cannot find an elementary work or treatise on how to collect and arrange material to prepare his case and present it, which is brief, simple and practical.

It is not always the recently admitted practitioner who is bewildered when it comes to preparing and trying a case. In fact it has been noticed and remarked that only a small number of the cases tried, are carefully and methodically prepared, with the exception possibly of those of large corporations.

Whether it is because many lawyers have not been trained to be systematic or whether it is due to their ignorance, or lack of practice, time, or what, it is a lamentable fact that the judges become exasperated at the lawyers who appear before them unable to properly present or defend their client's cause.

Oftentimes a lawsuit is lost and legal rights are defeated for the reason that it has not been properly prepared or presented, or the successful lawyer has studied both sides of the case and is better equipped and therefore more skillful in the trial. Frequently the judge is compelled, through compassion for the client, to take a hand in the case in order to bring out the facts, that justice may be done.

It is by reason of this situation that a

simple and concise system of preparing cases should be brought to the attention of those who desire to improve their present method of preparing and presenting cases, and that we may have a better administration of justice, that this is written.

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