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**Commemorating
100 Years
of History of the
New York State
Bar Association**

1976

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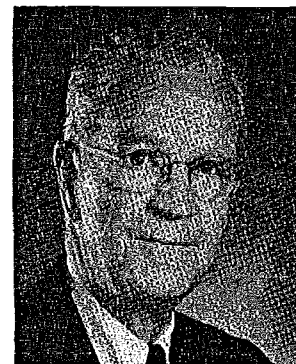
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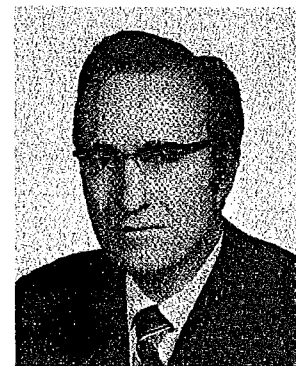
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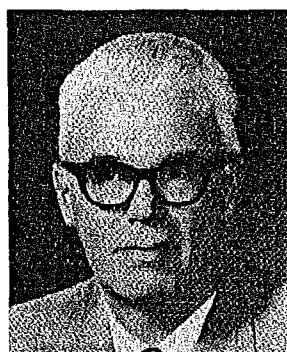
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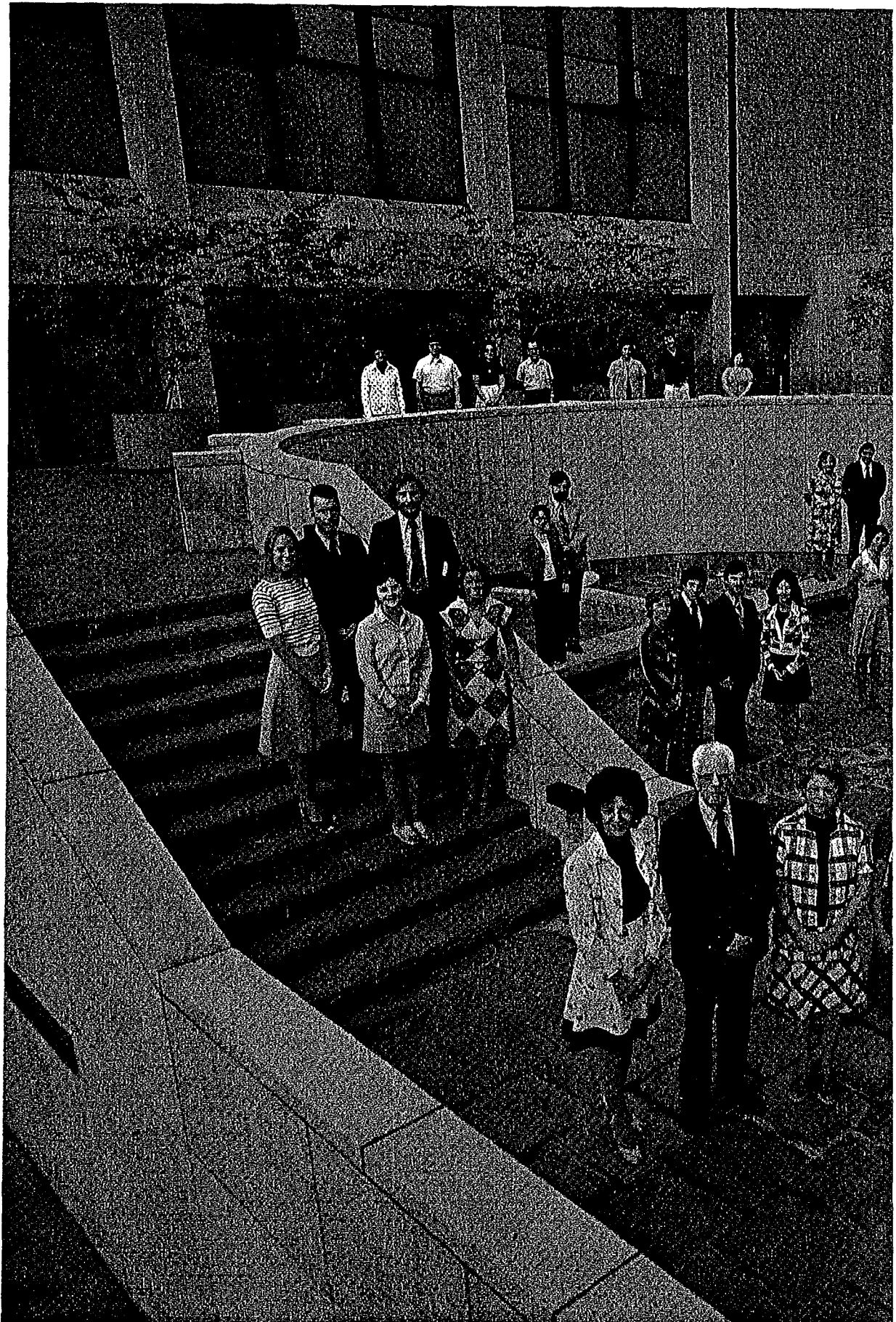
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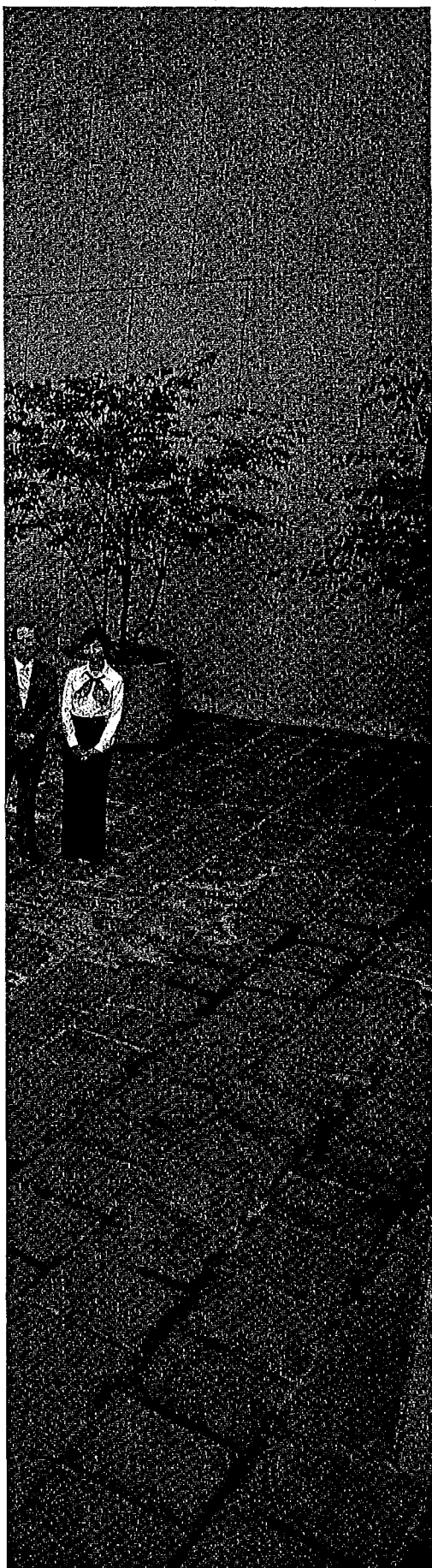


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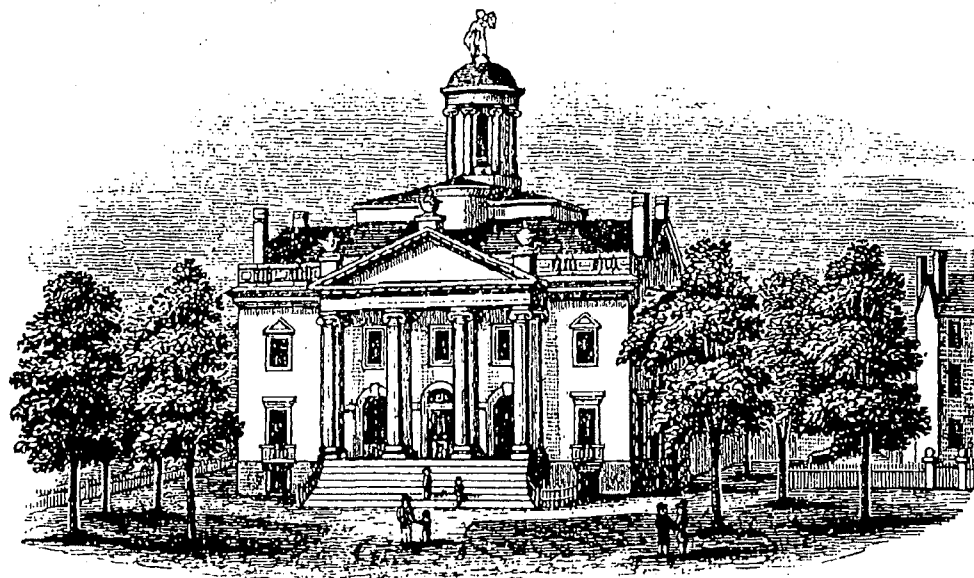
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East View of the Capitol at Albany

The Legislature Formalizes Our Association

CHAP. 210.

AN ACT to incorporate the New York State Bar Association.

PASSED May 2, 1877.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The members of the voluntary association which was formed in the city of Albany, November twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, under the name of the New York State Bar Association, of which association John K. Porter of the first judicial district is president, and Charles W. Sandford of the first judicial district,

Act of
incorpora-
tion.

Objects of association.	<p>John J. Armstrong of the second judicial district, Samuel Hand of the third judicial district, Platt Potter of the fourth judicial district, William C. Ruger of the fifth judicial district, Horatio Ballard of the sixth judicial district, James L. Angle of the seventh judicial district, and Myron H. Peck of the eighth judicial district are vice-presidents, and of which the judges of the United States courts residing in this state, the judges of the court of appeals, and the justices of the supreme court of this state are honorary members, and all persons who shall hereafter be associated with them, are hereby created a body corporate, under the name of the "New York State Bar Association." And the said association is formed to cultivate the science of jurisprudence to promote reform in the law, to facilitate the administration of justice, to elevate the standard of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession, and to cherish a spirit of brotherhood among the members thereof.</p>
Powers of corporation, etc.	<p>§ 2. Said corporation shall have power to acquire, by lease or purchase, suitable buildings, library and furniture for the use of the corporation; to borrow money for such purposes and issue bonds therefor, and to secure the same by mortgage; and generally to acquire and take by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, subject to the provisions of law relating to devises and bequests by last will and testament, or otherwise, and to hold, transfer and convey all or any such real and personal property as may be necessary for attaining the objects, and carrying into effect the purposes of such corporation.</p>
By-laws, etc.	<p>§ 3. The constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations originally adopted by said voluntary association shall be the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of the corporation hereby created, which shall have power from time to time to alter, modify and change the same; and the members of the executive committee of said association shall be the first trustees of the corporation hereby created, and continue to be such trustees until others are elected in their places, as prescribed by said constitution and by-laws, and the several officers and committees of said association shall be the officers and committees of the corporation hereby created with the powers and duties prescribed by said constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, until their successors shall be similarly duly elected and installed.</p>
Property rights, and interests of association, etc., to be vested.	<p>§ 4. All property rights and interests of the said association now held by any or either of the officers thereof, or by any person or persons for its use and benefit, shall by virtue of this act vest in and become the property of the corporation hereby created, subject to the payment of the debts of said association, if any; all interest of any member of said association and of the corporation hereby created in such property shall terminate and vest in the corporation upon his ceasing to be a member thereof.</p>
Subject to title 3, chap. 13, part. 1, R. S. Copy, charter, etc., to be deposited in state library. Local bar associations to deposit, etc.	<p>§ 5. This corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the liabilities prescribed by the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the revised statutes. This corporation shall deposit a copy of its charter, constitution and by-laws, and of each of its annual reports in the state library at Albany, and in each of the libraries provided for the use of the justices of the supreme court in the several counties of the state. It shall be the duty of every local bar association to deposit with the New York State Bar Association a copy of its act or certificate of incorporation or its articles of association, and its constitution and by-laws and its annual report.</p> <p>§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.</p>

In Memoriam

Past Presidents Who also Helped Build Our Association

1876 - 1877	John K. Porter	New York City
1878 - 1879	Samuel Hand	Albany
1880 - 1881	Sherman S. Rogers	Buffalo
1882 - 1883	William C. Ruger	Syracuse
1884	Elliott F. Shepard	New York City
1885 - 1886	David B. Hill	Elmira
1887 - 1888	Martin W. Cooke	Rochester
1889	William H. Arnoux	New York City
1890	Matthew Hale	Albany
1891	George M. Diven	Elmira
1892 - 1893	J. Newton Fiero	Albany
1894	Tracy C. Becker	Buffalo
1895	William H. Robertson	Katonah
1896 - 1897	Edward G. Whitaker	New York City
1898	Simon W. Rosendale	Albany
1899	Walter S. Logan	New York City
1900	Francis M. Finch	Ithaca
1901	William B. Hornblower	New York City
1902 - 1903	John G. Milburn	New York City
1904 - 1905	Richard L. Hand	Elizabethtown
1906 - 1907	Joseph H. Choate	New York City
1908	Francis Lynde Stetson	New York City
1909	Adelbert Moot	Buffalo
1910 - 1911	Elihu Root	New York City
1912	William Nottingham	Syracuse
1913 - 1914	Alton B. Parker	New York City
1915	Alphonso Clearwater	Kingston
1916	Morgan J. O'Brien	New York City
1917 - 1918	Charles E. Hughes	New York City
1919	Henry W. Taft	New York City
1920	Nathan L. Miller	Syracuse
1921 - 1922	William D. Guthrie	New York City
1923	William N. Dykman	Brooklyn
1924 - 1925	Walter P. Cooke	Buffalo
1926	Arthur E. Sutherland	Rochester
1927 - 1928	William C. Breed	New York City
1929 - 1931	Frank H. Hiscock	Syracuse
1932 - 1933	Samuel Seabury	New York City
1934	Daniel J. Kenefick	Buffalo
1935 - 1936	John Godfrey Saxe	New York City
1937	George H. Bond	Syracuse
1938	Joseph Rosch	Albany
1939	Fred L. Gross	Brooklyn
1940	Warnick J. Kernan	Utica
1941 - 1942	John G. Jackson	New York City
1943	James McC. Mitchell	Buffalo
1944	Jackson A. Dykman	Brooklyn
1945 - 1946	Lewis C. Ryan	Syracuse
1947	Robert E. Lee	New York City
1948	Mason H. Bigelow	New York City
1949	Neil G. Harrison	Binghamton
1950	Otis T. Bradley	New York City
*	M. William Bray	Utica
1951	Arthur V.D. Chamberlain	Rochester
1953	Franklin R. Brown	Buffalo
1954	Hunter L. Delatour	Brooklyn
1955	Edmund H. Lewis	Syracuse
1956	Cloyd Laporte	New York City
1964	Orison S. Marden	New York City
1965	Sidney B. Pfeiffer	Buffalo

* Served December 1, 1950-January 27, 1951 when Mr. Bradley became deceased.