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The lawyer's advice is sought and followed in the most important and intimate relations of life. No profession faces a greater opportunity or a greater duty in the matter of fixing the standards and directing the conduct of our people. The lawyer's role calls for integrity, industry, and ability. Men who lack any of these qualities will be happier, more useful, and better paid in some other occupation.

The law has a peculiar hold on its devotees. Men will mine coal, clerk in a store, lay brick, and carry on all the human occupations; but frequently, if not generally, the work is done as a means of earning a living. The typical good lawyer regards his work as more than a means of earning a livelihood. He loves the work itself. He throws every bit of his strength into it. He seldom quits his work while he has strength to carry it on, even though he becomes financially able to retire. The zeal with which great lawyers do their work may be interpreted as both a beckon and a warning. It is a beckon in that it indicates the absorbing delight which successful lawyers find in their work; it is a warning in that it forecasts a hectic competition for all who enter.

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