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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Following is the text of William Oldham's speech given at the ABA Annual Meeting held on June 11, 1987.



William Oldham

As Buck Gearing is about to find out, the first duty of the Vice President and

President-Elect of our Bar Association is to attend all of the committee meetings of each and every committee. This certainly results in taking care of your schedule every day at 4:00 because almost every day at 4:00 one committee or another is meeting. It does cause you to become familiar with the operations of the Bar Association, however, and while it cuts into your ability to practice law, it does put you in a position, hopefully, as you assume the presidency, to be familiar with the workings of the Bar Association. I would, therefore, like to spend just a few minutes this afternoon talking to you about what I have observed during the last year and where I see some potential problem areas for our Bar Association. I have also attempted to list some written goals or objectives for the coming year that I want to briefly mention.

One of our major goals for next year is to streamline our ethics and grievance procedure so that we are in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Supreme Court of Ohio concerning grievances and discipline. In order for our local Bar Association to continue to invest
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BRADFORD M. GEARINGER NEW ABA VICE-PRESIDENT



On July 1, 1987, Bradford M. Gearing took office as Vice-President and President-Elect of the 1,300 member Akron Bar Association. A partner in the firm of Scanlon & Gearing Co., L.P.A., he served on the ABA Executive Committee from 1982 through 1985. He is a past-chairman of Law Week, Community Services and Federal Court Committees and has served as vice-chairman and member of numerous Bar committees.

Buck Gearing is a native of Pennsylvania, a graduate of the University of the South and Vanderbilt University College of Law and was admitted to practice in Ohio in 1965. His memberships include Akron, Ohio State and American Bar Associations, Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers, The Association of Trial Lawyers of America and American Society of Law and Medicine.

Our new Vice-President's family includes his wife, Paula, son, Brian, a second-year law student at the University of Michigan, and daughter, Hally, who will enter Transylvania University in the fall.

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