

DELEGATE SICKLES: Does this mean, then, that these attorneys are available on a day-to-day basis to counsel with and advise the various departments with which they work?

DELEGATE MASON: They are available each day to advise with the departments for whom they work.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Do I understand from your previous answer that they then write up a memorandum on every bit of advice they give in order to make sure it is uniform and send it back to headquarters?

DELEGATE MASON: No. I do not think it works that way; but they are available to the department head to whom they are assigned and any information that the department head wants legal advice on, he has the attorney from whom he can get this advice.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Upon what basis are their promotions handled? Who makes the recommendations; the department head for which he works, or does the attorney general himself make this recommendation?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: When you say "promotions," I do not understand. There is usually one line of authority. You have a chief of the Criminal Division and a chief of the Civil Division. You have a deputy attorney general, and the other attorneys general are assigned to various agencies that are not in the main office, and they are assigned at a fixed rate of pay.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Does the Attorney General or someone not have to make determination of the quality of service that is being performed by the assistant attorneys general?

I am just concerned as to how this is handled administratively.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: The attorney general has a deputy and principal administrative assistant who evaluates the work of each assistant and makes reports regularly to the attorney general. The Attorney General himself interviews regularly the attorneys assigned to the various agencies.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Are you suggesting then that there is daily contact between the attorney general and the various attorneys who are working for the respective agencies?

DELEGATE MASON: No, I am not suggesting that.

I do not say they have daily contacts, but they have frequent contacts in order to keep abreast of what is happening in the State as far as the legal matters go.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Would you say that he exercises a degree of supervision, sufficient to know what the quality of the work is that they are performing?

DELEGATE MASON: I feel reasonably sure he does exercise that type of supervision, and if the agency was not receiving the attention that they should receive, I am sure they would soon let the attorney general know about it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: I have one last question. Isn't asking all these elected attorneys general around the country like going to the devil to discuss hell? They would have to be in favor of it, wouldn't they?

DELEGATE MASON: I do not know what they would do if they went to the devil and discussed hell, but most of the attorneys general around the country are in favor, as I indicated, of elected attorneys general, and I think they have stated good and cogent reasons for being for the elected attorney general.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Do you, or would you agree that making the attorney general run for office in effect makes him a politician and that this means that his activities might be in some way affected by his attempt to please the public?

DELEGATE MASON: Well, if he runs for office, he necessarily is in the political arena. I do not know to what degree that would affect the performance of his duties as attorney general.

If you will look back over the years, some of the most outstanding men in the State have been attorneys general, and they have been elected attorneys general. So to what degree that would affect his