



**J. HOWARD PAYNE  
A PROMISING YOUNG LAWYER**

This clipping was taken from the Afro-American of Friday, December 6th, 1918, and has been inserted here as showing the progress made by one of our young attorneys.

The young lawyer whose advertisement appears in this paper as having opened law offices at 514 St. Paul Street is an example of what grit and determination will do.

Mr. Payne made his studies of the law at Howard University and after passing the Maryland Bar Examination, with one of the highest averages ever attained before that body, began the practice of the law and has been retained in a number of cases with entire satisfaction to his clients. Besides being a lawyer, he is, also, a government clerk and has found time to help several hours every day at the Court House, at his residence and Lafayette corner Carrollton Avenues, as a member of the Legal Advisory Board, by appointment of President Wilson, assisting registrants answer their questionnaires. Mr. Payne says that he is only too glad of the opportunity to serve his country, gratis, in her hour of trial by doing his bit "overhere" since he, among a number of others, was denied the privilege of attending the officers training camp for service in the Army. The Government says that one branch of the service cannot be crippled for another, hence, the reason why a number of civil employees placed in deferred classification, because of their work, were turned down when they made application for the officers training camp.

As attorney for Mr. H. M. Burkett, Mr. J. Howard Payne will make his headquarters at 514 St. Paul Street and attend to legal matters pertaining to the real estate business conducted at the above address.