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What is a Lawyer?

What is a lawyer? Upon the definition depends greatly the status of law enforcement and law observance, according to the view of J. Hannibal Clancy, former justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, who recently addressed a meeting of women's clubs in Indianapolis.

"Lawyers are officers of the court," said Judge Clancy. "They have the dignity and traditions of the court to maintain, and the dignity of their profession as well. When a lawyer deliberately sets out to defeat justice, merely because he has been hired to serve in a case, it is hard to believe he is any better than the man he defends."

Judge Clancy takes a positive position. He points out that there are fewer murders in England than in America, and we are told that members of the English bar seldom flout the law by attempting to prove a man innocent when they know he is guilty.

Not only do we have a criminal procedure that supplies many loopholes through technicalities and red tape, but we have a system of legal ethics which encourages the exploitation by criminals of the inefficiencies of our criminal procedure.--Fort Worth Star-Telegram.