

their time to the work required. The profession itself should fix a standard of qualifications based on special study. The jury should pass not on opinions as to sanity, but as to the fact of having done the act for which the patient is tried. The legal definition, of insanity is antiquated and should be improved. Physicians should not be allowed to assist counsel and be also expert witnesses in the same case. The profession should raise its voice against the abuse heaped upon it because physicians do not always agree. Lawyers and judges do not agree in all cases, and yet they are not abused on that account. The hypothetical question should embrace all facts, not those on only one side of the question.

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