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"THE LAWYER, PUBLIC CITIZEN NUMBER ONE"

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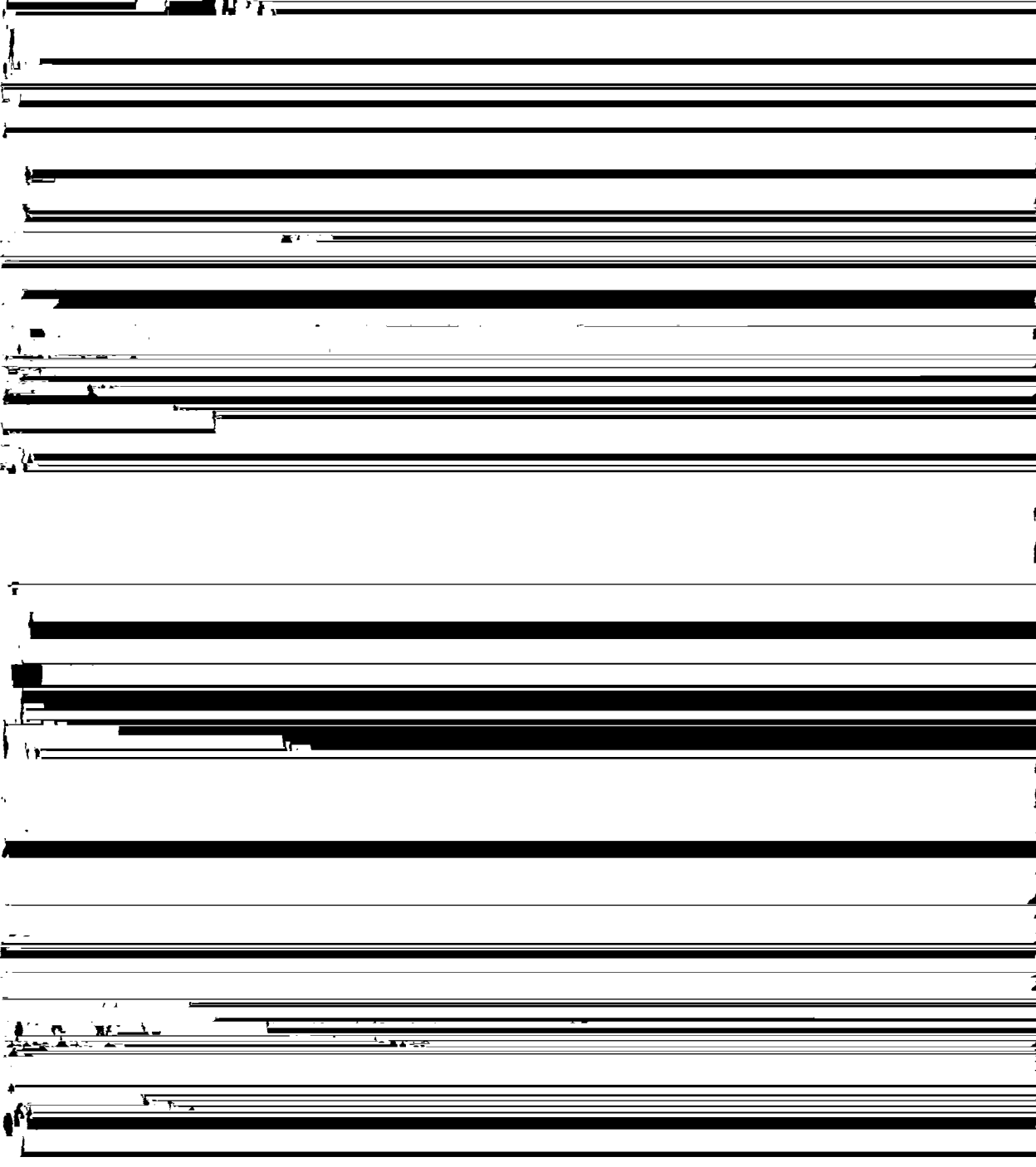
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In a ceremony of great dignity young American Indians of proved ability were accorded the "status of the brave," and thereafter shared responsibility of the tribal councils. Since it has been 30 years since I became a brave in the Tribe of Cincinnati, I am happy to share in this observance of your assumption of part of our responsibility. You have completed the academic phase of your indoctrination course which we call the study of Law. But yours is not to be a magic transformation

Presumably older warriors among the legal tribe already have reminded

Still reflecting on the obvious, the economic facts of life may make legal services peculiarly available to the so-called entrenched interests. Yet traditionally there have always been those ready to afford advocacy to the underdog, testimony to our eternal vigilance in preserving our country's institutions. Of the fifty-five signers of the Declaration of Independence, so drafted largely by 22 year old lawyer Thomas Jefferson



substance of this British statute had its origin in French and Roman law
but it came to the New World as part and parcel of the Common Law

inevitably would infect the whole body politic. Former Chief Justice Hughes, with whom I once had the privilege to cross swords in a case before the Interstate Commerce Commission, stated demagogically that

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stated that there were not many of them and that such members were not