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Not only should we of the legal profession assume a more active role in educating the people, but the news media, educators and others should join in this effort of helping the public to be properly informed of the operation of the rule of law and should participate actively in the dissemination of its significance.

The Right of Fair Trial

One of our most cherished fundamental guarantees under our Bill of Rights is the right of a fair, impartial and prompt trial for all persons charged with crime. The elements of such a fair trial are spelled out in the Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the United States Constitution and in our Texas Constitution. They include the necessity for a Grand Jury indictment for a capital or other wise infamous crime; restrictions against double jeopardy; no compulsion of the accused to testify against himself; guarantee of due process of law; the right of jury trial; information of the nature and cause of accusation; and compulsory attendance of witnesses. Another basic right of the accused is the presumption of innocence and that his