

The Supreme Court of the United States.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION

of

EDWARD E. BLODGETT, Chairman of a Committee of The Maritime Law Association of the United States for the Revision of the Rules of Practice in Admiralty, and of ROBERT M. HUGHES, Chairman of the Admiralty Committee of the American Bar Association, praying for a Revision of the Rules.

The petition of EDWARD E. BLODGETT, as Chairman of a Committee of the Maritime Law Association of the United States for the Revision of the Rules of Practice in Admiralty, and of ROBERT M. HUGHES, Chairman of the Admiralty Committee of the American Bar Association, respectfully shows this Court as follows, to wit:

FIRST:—That The Maritime Law Association of the United States is an unincorporated Association having its principal place of business at the office of its Secretary; that its President is Charles M. Hough, whose office and postoffice address is United States Postoffice and Courthouse Building, New York City, New York, and its Secretary is A. Gordon Murray, No. 56 Pine Street, New York City, New York.

SECOND:—That the American Bar Association is an unincorporated body, organized in 1878, and its officers are President Hampton L. Carson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Secretary, W. Thomas Kemp, Munsey Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

THIRD:—That on December 7, 1917, at a regular meeting of The Maritime Law Association of the United States, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the Association appoint a committee of its members to take such steps as might seem advisable to bring about a revision of the rules of practice in Admiralty in order that a more uniform practice in the Courts of the United States in Admiralty and Maritime cases should obtain, and for the purpose of procuring such revision as would eliminate the differences in practice in the various districts. Thereafter the resident of the Association appointed Edward E. Blodgett, Esq., of Boston, Massachusetts, Chairman, and D. Rogers Englar, Esq., of New York City, New York, and Floyd Hughes, Esq., of Norfolk, Virginia, as members of such committee.

FOURTH:—That on the invitation of the Chairman of the Committee of The Maritime Law Association of the United States, the Chairman of the Admiralty Committee of The American Bar Association, the late George Whitelock, Esq., and the present Chairman, Robert M. Hughes, Esq., cooperated in the work with the Committee of The Maritime Law Association of the United States.

FIFTH:—That the said representatives of the two Associations thus cooperating believed that in order to

properly carry on the work a committee should be organized consisting of one member from each of the respective judicial circuits of the United States. The Secretary of The Maritime Law Association of the United States was instructed to prepare a circular to be addressed to the Circuit Courts of Appeals in the various circuits and to mail a copy thereof to each of the Judges of the Courts of said circuits, which circular was duly prepared, printed and mailed.

SIXTH:—That in compliance with the circular, the Judges of the respective Circuit Courts of Appeals designated a member for each circuit on a committee of nine as follows:

1. Edward E. Blodgett, Boston, Chairman
2. D. Roger Englar, New York
3. William J. Conden, Philadelphia
4. Floyd Hughes, Norfolk
5. Samuel B. Adams, Savannah
6. Hermon A. Kelley, Cleveland
7. Charles E. Kremer, Chicago
8. Herbert R. Spencer, Duluth
9. Ira A. Campbell, Washington, D. C.

SEVENTH:—That said Committee of Nine has met on various occasions, to wit: February 22, 1919; April 5, 1919; June 6, 1919, and December 5, 1919, in which meetings either Mr. Whitelock or Mr. Hughes participated. From time to time they have published tentative drafts of a revised set of Rules which they intend to propose to this Court in due time for adoption.

EIGHTH:—That the Committee, at its meeting Decem-

ber 5, 1919, approved a proposed final revision of the Rules in Admiralty.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that their petition may be received by this Court and ordered to be filed and that the Court appoint a committee or take such action in respect to the same as may be deemed advisable.

New York City, New York.

March 11, 1920.