

was a law that they would have which referred to the corruption of the blood or like punishing the children for what the parents had done. By analogy you could say that if a person commits an infraction, then forever around the neck of that person would be an albatross to prevent him or her from ever making a living at the thing they are trained to do. We ought to consider what the word felony really refers to. It covers any kind of an offense that puts you in the penitentiary for a year. It could be a bad check. It could be motor vehicle homicide. It could be conviction for drunk driving, then driving on a suspended license or whatever some of those propositions were and the felony...the word "felony" usually causes people to become very wary and think that they are dealing with a dangerous, totally unreliable individual. That is not always the case and I would say it is not even usually the case. You have to understand that a lot of people are convicted of acts which society disapproves of, not because they committed the act, but because of their race or their social standing. Now if a person has the right amount of money to get a good lawyer, he or she can either get an acquittal, a dismissal, or plea bargain the offense down to a misdemeanor. Then that sentence can be suspended and they won't even spend any time in jail. So you have two people who committed violations of society's standards. If they be looked at impartially, both would be considered felonies or offenses that carry a year or more in the penitentiary. But one because he or she had money will be excused, the other will be convicted and incapacitated from then on. Senator Johnson made a very good point about G. Bradford Cook who was convicted of lying and lost his license to be a lawyer for three years, but I think all of us realize that being a certified liar is no impediment to being a lawyer. In fact, that is one of the requirements in the minds of most people so that is not too good an example except for this purpose. If it will work for lawyers, then it should be allowed to work for others. In all seriousness, lawyers are put in a position to do more good and more harm than almost any other profession because they deal with issues that pertain to what happens not only today but far into the future. If they establish a trust for a person or write a will, what they do will have ramifications after they are dead and after the people for whom they perform the service will be gone. Not saying that the practice of real estate is less honorable or noble than the practice of law, I don't see too many things in real estate such as what we are talking about here are such that