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Richard G. Denzer Named To Position of Counsel Of Bartlett Commission

Assemblyman Richard J. Bartlett, Republican of Warren County, chairman of the recently appointed Commission on Revision of the Penal Law and Criminal Code, today announced the appointment of Richard G. Denzer, an assistant district attorney of New York County, as counsel to the commission.

Mr. Denzer, a veteran of 23 years in the New York County district attorney's office under both Thomas E. Dewey and Frank S. Hogan, has served as appeals bureau chief since 1950. In that capacity he has argued numerous appeals in the Appellate Division, the Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He has also served as chief of the Special Sessions bureau and indictment bureau in that office. He is a graduate of Amherst College, B.A. 1932 and Yale Law School, L.L.B. 1935. In 1936-1937 he assisted in the rackets investigation conducted by then Special Prosecutor Dewey.

In announcing the appointment, Assemblyman Bartlett

stated, "We on the commission are very fortunate in having been able to secure Mr. Denzer as our counsel. His long experience and outstanding ability in the field of criminal law will contribute significantly to the success of our undertaking. We hope to move quickly now to complete appointment of the balance of our staff and to have our office in New York City open for business within a few weeks."

The commission was created by the 1961 Legislature, effective July 1, to study the existing provisions of the Penal Law and the Code of Criminal Procedure with a view to eliminating unnecessary provisions, simplifying existing provisions, improving substantive content and simplifying court procedure to facilitate the disposition of criminal cases.

It is charged with making an interim report to the governor and Legislature by Feb. 1, 1962 and a final report by Feb. 1, 1963. Timothy N. Pfeiffer, a New York City attorney, is vice chairman of the commission.