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1957 was a very special year.

You were admitted to the State Bar of Michigan, and...

- Dwight D. Eisenhower was president and Richard M. Nixon was vice president.
- John W. Cummiskey was the 22nd president of the State Bar of Michigan, and the chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court was John R. Dethmers.
- The federal minimum wage was \$1/ hour; a gallon of milk cost \$1, a loaf of bread cost 19 cents, gasoline cost 31 cents a gallon, a new car cost \$2,100, a new house cost \$18,000, and a postage stamp cost 3 cents.
- New York City adopted the Fair Housing Practices Law and became the first city to legislate against racial or religious discrimination in the housing market.
- On September 24, President Eisenhower sent troops to Arkansas to oversee high school integration for the “Little Rock Nine.”
- On August 30, Senator Strom Thurmond spoke 24 hours 27minutes in an attempt to filibuster against civil rights.
- October 4 saw the beginning of the Space Age when the Russians launched *Sputnik I*, the first earth-orbiting satellite.
- The 1957 Academy Award winners were:
 - ★ **Best Motion Picture:** *Bridge on the River Kwai*
 - ★ **Best Actor:** Alec Guinness, *Bridge on the River Kwai*
 - ★ **Best Actress:** Joanne Woodward, *The Three Faces of Eve*
 - ★ **Best Song:** *All the Way*, from *The Joker is Wild*
- Barry Gordy, Jr., invested \$700 to found Motown Records. And the rest, as they say, is history.
- *The Tonight Show* premiered on July 29 with host, Jack Paar, and Dick Clark’s *American Bandstand* went national.
- *Leave It to Beaver* and *Perry Mason* premiered on CBS, ushering in an era of television shows depicting the ideal American family and inspiring a generation to pursue a career in law.

World Series—Milwaukee Braves defeated the NY Yankees (4-3).

NBA Championship—Boston defeated the St. Louis Hawks (4-3).

Stanley Cup—Montreal defeated Boston (4-1).