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Mandel to work as journalist

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Marvin Mandel is going over to the other side — the other side of the microphone, that is.

After years of being on the receiving end of reporters' questions, the former governor who spent 18 months in federal prison after his conviction on political corruption charges is becoming a political commentator and interviewer with an Annapolis radio station.

Jake Einstein, executive vice president of the company that recently bought WNAV-AM and WLOM-FM for \$2.8 million, said yesterday that he had hired Mr. Mandel, at an unspecified salary, as special events director. The former governor began work at the station this week.

"I am basically going to be doing political commentary and some interviews. It's something I will enjoy doing," Mr. Mandel said yesterday.

In addition to his new duties, the former governor said he will continue working at Charles J. Cirelli & Son, Inc., the Severna Park development and construction firm that hired him after he left prison in December, 1981.

Mr. Einstein said, "I have been trying to persuade Marvin for a long time to take some of his experience and contacts and get involved in radio or television. Finally, he agreed."

According to Mr. Einstein, Mr. Mandel will do political commentary, help the station with some "in-depth" programming on the General Assembly and interview "interesting people" in the Baltimore-Washington area.

"We will develop Marvin, more or less, as an inquiring but not an investigative reporter — kind of a man-on-the-street type of guy," said Mr. Einstein. He added that he hopes to have Mr. Mandel on the air by Thanksgiving.

During the summer, there were reports that Mr. Mandel's wife, Jeanne, was part of a group trying to buy the Annapolis station. The other prospective buyers were reportedly Mr. Einstein and J. George Cuccia, Jr., an Annapolis car dealer.

Mr. Mandel and Mr. Einstein denied the reports of Mrs. Mandel's involvement yesterday.

Mr. Einstein said the station's new owners are himself; his son, Damian; Mr. Cuccia and Sike Sharigan, owner of several restaurants.