

Judgeship Data Asked About Grady

The Justice Department has asked the American Bar Association for an informal investigation and report on Mayor Grady as a possible candidate for a Federal judgeship.

Officials of the national association of lawyers have declined to discuss the matter, but it has become known that they are already making inquiries in Maryland about Mr. Grady.

It is standard procedure for the A.B.A. to make such reports on any individual whose name is submitted to President Kennedy or his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

Responsible Source

If the name is submitted to the President by a responsible source and the man in question is "therefore . . . likely to be seriously considered for the nomination," then the A.B.A. is asked to investigate.

Mayor Grady for several months has quietly been seeking one of the two Federal district judgeships now available in Maryland.

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the A.B.A. handles the investigations. This committee rates candidates as "not qualified," "qualified," "well qualified," or "exceptionally qualified."

Confidential Matters

This ranking is considered a confidential matter. But if President Kennedy subsequently nominates the candidate and sends his name to the Senate Judiciary Committee, then that body also requests an A.B.A. rating. The Senate has traditionally made public the A.B.A. rating.

If President Kennedy nominated Mr. Grady, the FBI would also be asked for a report. Mr. Grady is himself a former FBI agent.

Bernard G. Segal, chairman of the Committee on Federal Judiciary of the A.B.A., has said that the standards for a "qualified" candidate are that he be possessed of "character, judgment, industry, experience, judicial temperament and professional ability."

Mr. Segal has said that the primary sources of this information about a candidate are the "opinions of the judges and lawyers of the community involved."

Other Views Sought

Mr. Segal has said that the position of the local bar associations is also sought. Mr. Grady has the indorsement of the Fed-

eral Bar Association, the Monumental Bar Association and the Plaintiffs' Bar Association.

The Bar Association of Baltimore and the Maryland State Bar Association did not include his

name on their lists of recommended candidates.

The A.B.A. requires that a candidate be under 60 and, for a district judgeship—"a trial bench called upon to conduct the most complex and varied litigation—a lawyer to be considered must have a reasonable amount of trial experience, preferably at least some of it in the Federal courts."

The Mayor might run into some trouble here: He has never tried a case in a Federal Court.

It is considered that the A.B.A. will play a major part in the naming of the 73 judges recently authorized by Congress.