

J. H. GRADY IS NAMED TO SODARO POST

New State's Attorney
Has Been Prosecutor
Here 10 Years
Sun

J. Harold Grady, former agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and for ten years a Baltimore prosecutor, yesterday was named State's attorney for Baltimore city, succeeding Anselm Sodaro, who recently was appointed to the Supreme Bench.

Mr. Grady was appointed by the three judges of the Criminal Court, with the confirmation of the other judges who make up the Baltimore judiciary.

He will take office upon the resignation of Mr. Sodaro. The retiring State's attorney indicated that he plans to take the oath of judicial office in a few days.

To Serve Unexpired Term

Mr. Grady will serve out the unexpired elective term of Mr. Sodaro, and, if he wishes to remain in the office, he will have to stand for election in 1958. The term expires December 31 of that year.

The appointment of Mr. Grady was announced in brief ceremonies before Judges Joseph L. Carter, E. Paul Mason and James K. Cullen.

Judge Carter said the three judges had given "serious consideration to this matter, since the office of State's attorney is one of the most important at the command of the people."

"Our primary concern was in doing that which is in the best interest of the people of Baltimore city," Judge Carter continued.

"Experience, Integrity"

He said there are many lawyers in the city capable of performing the prosecuting task but Mr. Grady was chosen because of his "experience, integrity and breadth of knowledge of the law, particularly criminal law."

Judges Mason and Cullen also extended their wishes to Mr. Grady for a successful administration.

Mr. Sodaro praised Mr. Grady, his deputy for nearly two years, for his "integrity, force, logic and his ability to see both sides of the case."

The proceedings were attended by many of the assistant State's attorneys and by other personnel in the prosecuting office.

A native of Williamport, Pa., Mr. Grady is 39 years old, married and the father of four children: Maureen, 13; Joseph H., Jr., 9; Kathleen, 3, and Thomas, 1. His wife is the former Patricia Grogan.