

1 committees whose only function it is to make recommendations
2 to the parent organization. Proceedings is really a term
3 of art which refers to the court, and it only refers to
4 the formal proceedings, that is, the proceedings in court;
5 it does not go to the deliberative process of the court.
6 Essentially it is almost a term of limitation. But the
7 intent is to provide this area of public information and to
8 broaden it, but because there is some concern about
9 deliberations of the court, this word "proceedings" refers
10 to the formal aspects of it, not to the deliberative
11 process.

12 "Meetings" has been interpreted and, despite
13 very broad statutory language, the courts have been quite
14 restrictive. A meeting was defined to include only
15 gatherings where members sit as a joint body at an
16 authorized meeting duly assembled. This is based on a
17 California case, Adler versus the City Council.

18 Again, I would hope that the court in construing
19 this provision, if they would construe it as broadly as
20 possible, but I must admit that the courts with the history
21 of secrecy have generally taken a very restrictive view of