

1 as a judge.

2 DELEGATE JAMES: Delegate Willis.

3 DELEGATE WILLIS: Delegate Willoner, several
4 questions. I don't know quite how far this goes.

5 Suppose the head of an institution of higher
6 learning would like to have a staff meeting with the heads
7 of his departments. Would that be open and would he have
8 to give prior notice of it?

9 DELEGATE WILLONER: My opinion would be no, and
10 I might add in answering that, of course, this is subject
11 to judicial construction. There are a lot of open meeting
12 statutes on the books, Maryland has several. Of course,
13 Maryland has an automatic exclusion, where every meeting
14 shall be open where there is a decision taken. But you
15 can always have an executive session, but there is no
16 enforcement and no notice or anything else, and it is
17 pretty meaningless.

18 But where the language has some meaning the courts
19 have restricted it. I don't think you would have to worry
20 about staff meetings unless they were staff meetings where
21 you were going to decide something that needed to be