

1 Our proposal means, however, that the judges
2 should not consider themselves completely detached from
3 the general public. Clearly appellate court functions
4 differ from trial courts. On the appellate level inter-
5 pretation of the law is the essential point of dispute.
6 Naturally the public may well be concerned with the out-
7 come. Indeed reporting of cases decided at this level
8 tends to be more complete than at the trial level. Still
9 these are much less public courts simply because it is
10 lawyer versus lawyer or issue versus issue with no
11 witnesses and no jury.

12 Attributes called for in a trial judge are not
13 identical with judges serving on an appellate level,
14 although indeed many outstanding appellate court judges
15 have carried their highly desirable judicial trial
16 court traits to our appellate courts.

17 The relationship between citizen and judge
18 likewise is quite different. We feel the selection
19 process employed in filling judicial vacancies at these
20 two different levels should also be different. We en-
21 dorse the use of judicial nominating commissions for