

1 part-time nonlawyer judges, that the fourth tier was
2 almost a must to accommodate the transfer of all of that
3 judicial activity into a unified uniform integrated court
4 system, with this further view: that the courts of limited
5 jurisdiction in Maryland now have varying jurisdictions,
6 several jurisdictions in some instances being no more than
7 a hundred to \$300, in others \$3,000.

8 Hopefully the legislature would prescribe
9 jurisdiction for the District Court probably at the top
10 figure enjoyed by any Peoples' Court. To that extent it
11 would relieve the case load and constantly increasing case
12 load at the Superior or Circuit Court level.

13 Does that answer your question?

14 DELEGATE CHABOT: I must confess it does not
15 really, because the same people that you would, it would
16 seem, unless there is something in it I missed, that the
17 same people whom you would call District Court judges
18 would handle this complex case load, which is now handled
19 by the varying courts of limited jurisdiction in the
20 state, could just as well be separating off and handled
21 far more flexibly as separate parts of the Circuit Court