

1 the appellate level. Accordingly, the use of the word
2 "exclusive" in the proposed draft does nothing more than
3 emphasize the system as it has prevailed in Maryland under
4 our hundred-year-old Constitution, and we respectfully
5 suggest that the inclusion in the Constitution of an
6 affirmative grant of power to the legislature to provide
7 for unified courts could operate to the great prejudice
8 and disorganization of the proposed new type of court.
9 We respectfully suggest that the recommendation of the
10 committee is the protection that we need to preserve the
11 unified, uniform court structure under the four-tier idea,
12 which is the most progressive thinking in the legal world
13 today regarding court structure.

14 It is not inconsistent with the ABA model ap-
15 proach to the judiciary article, and we therefore respect-
16 fully urge a vote against the proposed amendment.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate
18 Johnson.

19 DELEGATE JOHNSON: I will call upon Delegate
20 Gleason and allot three minutes to Delegate Gleason.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate