

1 really not sure but I think that's probably what happened.

2 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: In answer to you, Melvin,  
3 I can't give you an exact answer. I think definitely,  
4 from my experience, that the Orphans Court should not  
5 be merged or consolidated in any court in big metropolitan  
6 areas, any Supreme Bench or Circuit Court or any one of  
7 the courts you want to call it.

8 I would say if the Committee feels that the  
9 Orphans Court as it is today in Baltimore City is not  
10 doing the job, it could be done better, 10: and behold,  
11 I shouldn't try to persuade you, but my feeling is that  
12 one judge cannot handle the Orphans Court work in  
13 Baltimore City. A minimum of two judges. When I talked  
14 to Mr. Ency, again I say that if they had one judge, you  
15 might wind up with two and three masters, which I,  
16 as an attorney, fear. I would like to see three judges,  
17 not masters. I am not again saying that we have a  
18 Master in Equity, I am not personally saying anything  
19 about him, I would rather, as a lawyer, deal with a  
20 judge when the judge has time than deal with the  
21 master in between and then go to the judge.