

1 problem is a separate problem, as I say.

2 Is there any reason why what you would like
3 to see couldn't come to pass under a recommendation for
4 a statewide court system such as we made in which the
5 probate function would be taken over by judges of the
6 Superior Court rank, that is, rank equal to that of the
7 Supreme Bench in this system? It seems to me that is
8 really the recommendation we have made. If there is any
9 reason why that would not be a good thing, it would go
10 to the heart of what we are trying to hear.

11 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: Melvin, our jurisdiction
12 is wide, we are a statutory court, but we have wide
13 jurisdiction. They don't use it in the counties,
14 run up to Equity Court, run to Circuit Courts because they
15 don't have the judges capable to try cases. Now we
16 have jurisdiction in fee simple property up to \$15,000.
17 All we have to have is unlimited jurisdiction of
18 fee simple property, change Section 287, have authority
19 to try title where you have joint accounts, et cetera,
20 and have jury power.

21 MR. SYKES: What about elimination of the