

1 and having the same jurisdiction as the general court,
2 what would be the difficulty in creating within that
3 court a division to handle probate matters? Wouldn't
4 that in effect be the same thing except for a name as
5 the Orphans Court today except with broader powers and
6 so forth?

7 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: Again I can't argue with
8 you or any of the Commission as to the set-up. I say
9 being the Chief Judge, I am proud of what the court is
10 doing today. But to lift it up and equal to the Supreme
11 Bench or any raising of the caliber or anything else, of
12 the court, I am for it a hundred per cent.

13 You got to realize in testamentary law,
14 especially in Baltimore City, probate law, we are
15 busier in the summer than in the winter. The members
16 of big law firms understand this because most of their
17 lawyers are trying cases in the winter in the Supreme
18 Bench and Federal courts and when it comes to the
19 summertime, they are cleaning up their estate work.
20 Since I have been Chief Judge, we have as many hearings
21 as lawyers want, formal or informal, in the summertime.