

1 the state, the county Orphans Courts.

2 JUDGE COLGAN: No.

3 MRS. BOTHE: I gather you hold no
4 particular brief for the set-up in those courts. Are
5 you actually proposing that the Orphans Court of
6 Baltimore City, as it now exists, continue as a
7 constitutional court but that the county courts be
8 eliminated or merged? If so, how would you handle the
9 county courts?

10 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: My opinion would be not
11 to abolish all the Orphans Courts of the state. We have
12 a million people in Baltimore City in round figures.
13 If you take Prince Georges County, Montgomery County,
14 make an Orphans Court there, take Anne Arundel County,
15 a couple others, there would be another million people,
16 you have an Orphans Court there. You will find Montgomery,
17 Prince Georges, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County
18 will have problems like we are talking about now.
19 Because of the crowded dockets in the Circuit Courts,
20 Baltimore County has just gotten three new judges. Soon
21 as they find more room, they will have more judges.