

1 the judge which perhaps would give a judge more time to  
2 have hearings and devote time to some more serious  
3 problems, probate problems. I don't know if I was  
4 correct but I think that's probably what you were driving  
5 at.

6 MR. ENEY: That's what I had in mind. As  
7 an Equity Master does now, he doesn't act, he recommends  
8 to the judge to act. I was thinking in this area of  
9 guardianships you might have a master who would take  
10 the initial conference and make a recommendation to the  
11 judge.

12 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: As I said before, Mr.  
13 Eney, I am not in favor of masters. Not in experience  
14 but I would rather see a judge even at that level. If  
15 you don't want to call him a judge equal to the Supreme  
16 Bench of Baltimore City, I would rather see a judge with  
17 that authority than a master.

18 For example, if you take a petition for  
19 fee or something up to the master, he says, I am going  
20 to sit on it a while. He sits on it two weeks. You go  
21 back. The auditor wants to make a final report. He says