

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