

1 not a judge on the general jurisdiction level. Do you
2 think it would be possible perhaps to put some of these
3 quasi judicial functions --

4 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: No, I think, going to
5 other cities and other states, I think that surrogate
6 court, probate court or Orphans Court dealing with
7 testamentary law should be a separate court. This is
8 my honest opinion. When an estate starts the court should
9 be able to finish it completely and should have full
10 jurisdiction. I don't think it should be divided.
11 I think anything to do with guardianships, intestacy,
12 anything with a will, should be handled by the Orphans
13 Court and be completed by the court.

14 MR. HARGROVE: When you say you want it to
15 be a separate court, would it make any difference if it
16 was a part of the court system? For example, in a
17 Municipal Court, you have a Traffic Division and Criminal
18 Division. The Committee in the report, I suppose,
19 certainly you have to have a probate court, no question
20 about that. I don't think there is any question of
21 abolishing this court at all. I think it was just a