

1 The only way you can do a good job for probate or testa-
2 mentary work is to be experienced and stay in the court
3 and administer that type work.

4 MR. HARGROVE: As the Judiciary Act is
5 set up, I suppose you almost have to have a probate
6 section or division in many of the larger counties,
7 Montgomery, Prince Georges, Baltimore County. Would it
8 make any difference if a judge is assigned to probat-
9 work there and is assigned to Baltimore City, because you
10 refer to vacation, such as proposed under the judiciary
11 act? That is, the Chief Judge has authority to assign
12 a judge to virtually any section of the state really.

13 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: No, again I say --

14 MR. HARGROVE: In other words, you would
15 be satisfied as long as the Judge coming in was
16 competent in the field of probate?

17 JUDGE FRIEDMAN: No, I still say I am
18 personally against consolidating or merging the
19 Orphans Court, not talking about counties, talking about
20 the Orphans Court of Baltimore City, into the Supreme
21 Bench as it is now. I say I am not against raising the