

1 Baltimore City lawyers. As a matter of fact, we are  
2 listed in the Bar Association Directory as attorneys from  
3 the Eighth Circuit and when Mr. Eney was named President  
4 of the Bar Association, he was not named as a county lawyer,  
5 but as a Baltimore City lawyer and yet it seems completely  
6 incongruous to me that Mr. Eney could be -- and I happen  
7 to be using you, Vernon, as an example, I hope you don't  
8 mind -- could be made President of the State Bar Association  
9 for Baltimore City and yet he cannot be appointed a  
10 Judge to sit in Baltimore City.

11 Now, this is not just limited to the two of  
12 us, but there are an ever increasing number of people,  
13 members of the Bar, who are practicing in the city but who  
14 have moved to the suburbs, and it seems to me that's it's  
15 pretty artificial to require or to limit the availability  
16 of candidates to the Bench to where they happen to reside.  
17 I think, obviously, they should be residents of Maryland,  
18 but I think that what this does is to deny a pool of  
19 potential candidates which I am not sure it's to the  
20 public's interest to deny, and I think it would make a  
21 whole lot more sense to provide, as Judge Adkins has