

1 Montgomery, the concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior
2 Court could go up to as high as \$5,000. Whereas, such a
3 provision in Somerset County might not be appropriate at
4 all.

5 MR. MARTINEAU: There is no reason why it would
6 affect Somerset County even if the concurrent jurisdiction
7 does go up to \$5,000 in Somerset County. It doesn't mean
8 that there is going to be any change in the practice there.
9 Everyone who wants to go into the Superior Court can still
10 do so.

11 It is strictly a question of the choice of the
12 litigant. The concurrent jurisdiction doesn't require
13 anyone to go into any particular court and that is why,
14 if you do want to raise it in Prince George's County, it
15 is not going to affect Prince George's County in the
16 slightest to raise it in Somerset County.

17 MR. CASE: Well, the point of it is that the
18 effect of what you are doing here would be to downgrade
19 the jurisdiction of the court in some areas of the State
20 where it could more easily be upgraded, because the juris-
21 diction will seek its lowest common denominator and this