## LAW SUMMARY

## **Eldridge Marks Twenty-Fifth Year on Bench**

Court of Appeals Judge John C. Eldridge marked his twenty-fifth year on the state's highest bench yesterday. The University of Maryland School of Law graduate was sworn in on Jan. 7, 1974. With court in session yesterday, hearing oral arguments and holding a rules committee meeting, Eldridge was unavailable for comment. When asked about retirement during interview last summer, Eldridge, 65, responded that it is a matter of when he must, not when he would like to. The state constitution requires judges to retire at the age of 70. But even then, Eldridge does not intend to go entirely. He hopes to continue sitting on special assignment, that is, "If I'm still around and the court still wants

me," he said. Eldridge's six colleagues on the high court will celebrate the anniversary this weekend with a small party.