

## Maryland Judicial Ethics Committee

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### Judge May Participate in Filming by U.S. Government Agency of Simulated Grand Jury Proceedings

This is in reply to your letter of July 10, in which you submit to the Judicial Ethics Committee the following question: Is it permissible for the Motion Picture and Television branch of the United States Information Agency to film the swearing-in of the Grand Jury; the judge's instructions to the jurors and the jury returning an indictment, provided that the proceedings are simulated?

It is the Committee's view that its response to such an inquiry must be a narrow one, relating only to the propriety of the judge's participation, which we regard as unobjectionable.

The interpretation of Rule 13 of the \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial Circuit, it seems to us, is the function of the judges of the Circuit and not the responsibility of this Committee, since while all of the Circuits have similar Rules, there is some disparity in interpretation.