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In view of the problems created for judges by the existing forms of legal representation and their impact on the integrity of the judicial process, it may be that a publicly financed "judicial defender" is needed for judges.⁵⁹ The busy workload of the state's attorneys' offices or their federal counterpart, combined with their inability to provide a true attorney-client relationship with the judge, makes them a less than appropriate personal counsel. Retaining private counsel is an option for the judge, but it poses a severe financial burden unless a publicly financed insurance plan is adopted. This is probably the ideal solution.

A judge should not be left to the benevolent dispensation of legal representation by either a lawyer friend or an executive branch lawyer. He is, like anyone else, entitled to have a professional relationship with all the attendant rights and obligations.

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Footnotes

⁵⁹. This idea was suggested by Allen Ashman, Assistant Executive Director of the American Judicature Society, at the Sixth National Conference for Judicial Conduct Organization in Phoenix, Arizona, on November 8-11, 1978. See Hoelzel, *A Report on the Sixth National Conference for Judicial Conduct Organization*, 62 JUDICATURE 362 (Feb. 1979).

