

2 of 3 remap judges unfair: Skolnick

By Max Sonderby

Legal researcher Sherman Skolnick charged Thursday that two of three federal judges hearing a congressional redistricting suit he brought are prejudiced against him.

The judges are considering five maps for reapportioning the state, on the basis of the 1970 Census, for election of members to the U.S. House of Representatives.

When Judge Latham Castle, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals member on the panel, sustained an objection to a question Skolnick asked a witness, Skolnick retorted:

"You are fair with the Republicans because you are the director of a bank with Republican money in it."

Answer for Campbell

Judge William J. Campbell of U.S. District Court suggested that "the remarks of counsel be stricken from the record."

Skolnick turned to Campbell and said: "Your son-in-law is a partner of Donald Reuben." Reuben represents the 24 incumbent congressmen in the suit.

Campbell forced a smile and replied: "I didn't know my son-in-law had been pro-

moted."

The references were to Howard G. Krane, who is a member of but not a partner in the firm of Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters, in which Donald H. Reuben is a partner.

Reuben joined in the fray when Skolnick, acting as his own attorney, claimed he had been unfairly dealt with. Reu-

ben said: "You would be fairly dealt with if you were removed from the courtroom."

Occasion of clash

The interchanges came during the testimony of Richard D. Adams, data-processing consultant who drew Skolnick's map. The third judge, Bernard M. Decker of U.S. District Court, did not comment.

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