NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Many Louisiana judges seem to doubt there is value in a separate family court.

Their reactions came yesterday after Judge Joe W. Sanders of Baton Rouge gave an account of his family court, the only one in the state, to the joint conference of the Judicial Council of the State Supreme Court and the Louisiana District Judges Assn.

The two organizations ended a two-day meeting here.

Judge L. Julian Samuel of Gretna said he opposed family courts except when there is too much work for a general judge to handle the family matters.

Samuel said success of family courts is due to their staffs. There is no reason, a general court could not have such a staff, he said.

Judges Edwin M. Fraser of the 11th Judicial District, Leo B. Blessing of New Orleans and Mack E. Barnham of Bastrop also expressed doubt of the value of family courts.

Judge Jess Johnson of Baton Rouge lost family cases to Judge Sanders' new court. Johnson said one reason "the family court is acceptable to the people of the parish is its equipment, facilities and specialized manpower."

Sanders described his court as remedial and preventative in purpose.

"The three R's of the court," he said, "are reconciliation, readjustment and rehabilitation."

His court showed an 11 per cent drop in divorces from 1955 and 1956, Sanders said, and part of that could be attributed to his court's reconciliation work.

Some 350,000 couples in the nation last year, he said, were divorced or separated.

Lawrence M. Higgins, executive secretary of the Louisiana Youth Commission, told the judges a survey will begin in January to determine the state's needs in specialized courts.

Judge John T. Hood of Lake Charles, speaking on another legal problem, said the State Supreme Court has from two to three times as many cases as similar courts in other states.

A statewide committee, of which Hood is a member, is seeking ways to give more cases to the three appellate courts of Louisiana, he said. The committee will report to the Judicial Council in January, he said.