

# Judge Robert Bell to be sworn in Jan. 22

Judge Robert Bell, recently named to Baltimore's Supreme Bench by Gov. Harry Hughes, will be sworn in by the clerk of the superior court at the Calvert Street courthouse, Room 400, at noon on Jan. 22.

At age 36, Bell is one of the youngest Supreme Bench jurists in this state's history.

A graduate of Morgan State University and the Harvard Law School, Bell was formerly a judge of the Baltimore District Court.

Bell said he was "very surprised" at the appointment.

In his previous position, he had limited jurisdiction, adjudicating misdemeanors, traffic disputes and civil claims for less than \$5,000.

As a Supreme Bench jurist, Bell will hear appeal cases and civil suits for more than \$5,000.

He said his most noteworthy decision as District Court judge involved security guards at city food markets. In 1976, he dismissed 12 cases involving arrests made by unlicensed security guards. Although the decision created an uproar, it was upheld. Guards are required to be licensed.

City residents must vote to retain Bell as a Supreme Bench judge in the 1980 election. He said he hasn't given too much thought to the election.

A reception will be held in the Emmanuel Chambers Auditorium of Provident Hospital at 5 p.m., Jan. 22 to honor Baltimore's newest Supreme Bench judge.



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