'Fondest hope' - Howard appointed circuit judge

Barry Howard will realize "my fondest hope" March 10 when he is insected in Oakland circuit judge. The first of his familier o

AS EXPECTED, Gov. James J. Blanchard this week selected Howard for the trial court vacancy created by the resignation of Norman L. Lippitt, another Blanchard appointed who left to return to private practice.

Circuit court handles criminal cases, major civil cases, domestic relations and some appeals from district courts. Oakland County has 14 circuit judges. In addition, circuit judges frequently are asked to pinch-hit on the state Court of Appeals. Howard's name had topped every speculative list of judicial prospects. While he will have to face voters when the term expires in 1990, in-



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Current salary of \$92,000. It's ex-pected to increase to \$95,220 later this year.

HE WILL TRY to be like his most admired judge, Cornella Kennedy of

of the board or western mucusqual University.
Last July, he was part of the Michandan delegation to the Democratic National Convention.
Greg Morris, Blanchard's personnel chief who announced the appointment, said Howard had carned stature as chalirman of the representative assembly of the State Bar of Michigan. Michigan. A MEMBER of the firm of Car-son, Fisher, Potts & Hyman in Bir-mingham, Howard specializes in la-bor, administrative and general civil

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"In 15 years of practice," he said, "I've been in the federal district court, the U.S. Court of Appeals and in 20 or 25 counties. I used to represent the Police Officers Association of Michigan."

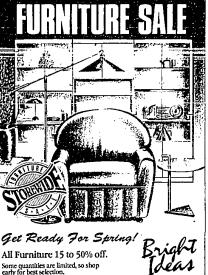
Porn in Mount Ctemens, Howard was raised in Birmingham and Devoti, moving to West Bloomfield in 1952. He earned a bachelor's degree in bistory, along with a teaching certificate, in 1970 from the University of Michigan and a jurist doctor in 1973 from the University of Michigan and a jurist doctor in 1973 from the University of Berton and the Section 1973 from the University of Detroit Law School.

He and wife Ranny have three sous — Brian, 12, David, 10, and Chad, 9.



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