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**JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 63 new lawyers are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Peoria on Thursday, November 8.

The group is among approximately 1,866 men and women who were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Ottawa program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Bradley University, Dingeldine Hall, 1417 W. Barker Street, Peoria.

Justice Kilbride will welcome the members of the class and their families and friends.

Umberto S. Davi, member of the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors, will be the opening speaker.

Attorney Robert Alvine will make the motion to admit the class. His son, Eric, is a member of the class.

A reception will follow.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and an ethics examination; and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

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The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to more than 74,000. About 10,000 of these are lawyers who pay a reduced registration fee and neither reside nor practice in Illinois.

Media coverage is invited.

Justice Kilbride was elected to the High Court in November, 2000 after practicing law for 20 years in the Rock Island area, the last seven as a sole practitioner. He has been counsel for the cities of Silvis and Moline, 17 township governments and several other local units of government.

The Third Judicial District is made up of these counties: Will, Iroquois, Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, Whiteside, Henry, Stark, Peoria, Fulton, Knox, Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Warren, Henderson, Hancock and McDonough.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Collinsville, Springfield and Elgin.

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