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**FIVE LOCATIONS STATEWIDE TO HOLD BAR ADMISSION  
CEREMONIES MAY 7**

More than 600 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, May 7 with Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court presiding and administering the attorney's oath at five separate locations.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination, a required ethics examination and have been certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The largest group, 430, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier. Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald will preside over the ceremony with Justice Charles E. Freeman participating.

The Hon. Robert J. Quinn, Circuit Judge of Cook County, will make the motion to admit the class. The Hon. Gregory R. Ginex, Associate Judge of Cook County, will second the motion to admit the class.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Joanna M. Kellogg, president of the Advocates Society; Mary Melchor, president of the Black Women Lawyer's Association of Greater Chicago; Peter A. Steinmeyer, president-elect of the Chicago Council of Lawyers; Hon. Kenneth Wright, president of the Chicago Bar Association; Andy Schleifer, president of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers; Mark Poulakidas, president of the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois; Leo Lastre, president of the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois; Mauro Glorioso, secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association and president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers; Manish K. Mehta, president-elect of the Indian American Bar Association; Nichole Bashor, board member of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago; Enrique Abraham, president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association; Michael D. Monico, first vice-president of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association and the Hon. Jeanne M. Reynolds, president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

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**Bar Admission Ceremonies To Be Held May 7  
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Representatives from the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar who will be in attendance include: James R. Carroll, Lawrence N. Hill and Neil K. Quinn.

The 616 men and women were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys Thursday at ceremonies in the five Supreme Court judicial districts.

Here are the time and locations of Thursday's ceremonies:

Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Hemmens Memorial Building, Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin.

Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third Judicial District ceremony, 11 a.m., Appellate Court Building, 1004 Columbus Street, Ottawa.

Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Supreme Court Courtroom, Second and Capitol Streets, Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karneier will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony, 2 p.m., Gateway Convention Center, near Interstates 55/70 & Route 157, Collinsville.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 86,000.

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