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BAR ADMISSION CEREMONIES IN FIVE LOCATIONS STATEWIDE MAY 10

More than 600 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, May 10 with Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Appellate Court presiding and administering the attorney's oath at five separate locations.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois state bar examination and an ethics examination, and have been certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The largest group, 406, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium Theatre at Roosevelt University, 50 East Congress. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Freeman will preside, with Justices Anne M. Burke and Mary Jane Theis participating.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Michael J. Howlett will make the motion to admit the class.

Margaret Benson, executive director of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, will second the motion to admit the class. Other speakers at the event include Chicago Bar Association First Vice President Aurora N. Abella Austriaco and David Badillo, incoming president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association.

Representatives from the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar who will be in attendance include James R. Carroll, Lawrence N. Hill and Shelia Kennedy.

The 608 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:

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**Bar Admission Ceremonies to be Held May 10
Add One**

Supreme Court Chief 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, Springfield.

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

Presiding Appellate Court Justice Ann B. Jorgensen will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Hemmens Memorial Building, Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 90,700.

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