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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO ADMINISTER OATH TO
NEW ATTORNEYS**

Over 600 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, May 9 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 and an ethics examination, and have been certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The largest group, 401, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. at Arie Crown Theater, McCormick Place East. Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald will administer the oath, and Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow will also participate.

The 611 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 Chief Justice Moses W. Harrison II will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony, 2 p.m., Gateway Convention Center, LaSalle Room, near Interstates 55/70 & Route 157, Collinsville.

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, 2 p.m., Illinois Appellate Court Building, 1004 Columbus St., Ottawa.

Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, 10:30 a.m., Supreme Court Courtroom, Springfield.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to almost 76,000. About 10,000 of these are lawyers who pay a reduced registration fee and neither reside nor practice in Illinois.

Media coverage is invited.