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JUSTICE RITA B. GARMAN TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS

Justice Rita B. Garman of the Supreme Court of Illinois will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 55 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Springfield on Thursday, November 6.

The group is among 1,899 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 Springfield program in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Michael J. Howlett Building, located at Second and Jackson Streets in Springfield.

Justice Garman, the second woman to sit on the High Court, will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Chief Circuit Judges James R. Glenn from the Fifth Judicial Circuit, John P. Shonkwiler from the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Thomas P. Carmody from the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Thomas L. Brownfield from the Eighth Judicial Circuit and John P. Freese from the Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Circuit Judge Dennis K. Cashman from the Eighth Circuit; Peter Alexander, Dean, Southern Illinois University School of Law; Catherine Barbercheck from the East Central Illinois Women's Bar Association; Keith E. Fruehling from the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors; and attorney Mark Rabin.

Mr. Rabin will make the motion to admit the class. His son, Alex, is a member of the class.

Judge Cashman will respond to the motion to admit the class. His son, Andrew, is a member of the class.

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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.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to more than 79,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The counties in the Fourth District of the Supreme Court are: Adams, Pike, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Scott, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Cass, Mason, Menard, Sangamon, Logan, DeWitt, Macon, Piatt, Moultrie, McLean, Woodford, Livingston, Ford, Champaign, Douglas, Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Edgar and Vermilion.

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