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**JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL FORUM TO IMPROVE
CIVILITY AMONG LAWYERS**

- WHO:** David Rolewick, Wheaton, chairperson of the Special Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism; Terrence Lavin, Chicago, president of the Illinois State Bar Association; Jenny H. Park, Champaign County Bar Association; and Catherine H. Barbercheck, president of the East Central Illinois Women's Attorneys Association.
- WHAT:** News conference on efforts to recommend ways to improve civility among lawyers and the public image of lawyers. With the assistance of the Illinois State Bar Association, the Special Supreme Court Committee is holding a series of forums around the state where lawyers and judges will discuss ways to control excesses that sometimes occur during the course of litigation. One of the issues is where and how to draw the line between zealous advocacy on behalf of clients and Rambo-like tactics designed to aggravate or block the opposition. So far, forums have been held in Peoria, Collinsville and Carbondale.
- WHEN:** Wednesday November 19, 2003, 2 p.m., just prior to the start of the forum.
- WHERE:** University of Illinois College of Law, 504 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Champaign, Ill.

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