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**MEDIA ADVISORY – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CHIEF JUSTICE MCMORROW TO ADMINISTER OATH OF PROFESSIONALISM TO NEW DEPAUL LAW STUDENTS**

**WHO: Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow of the Illinois Supreme Court**

**WHAT: Chief Justice McMorrow will administer an oath of professionalism to incoming law students at DePaul University. As part of a continuing program of the Special Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism, justices of the Illinois Supreme Court have been attending orientation sessions at all law schools in the state and administering to the incoming students an oath of professionalism.**

**The Supreme Court Committee also has encouraged and is facilitating additional orientation sessions for the incoming students on questions of ethics and professionalism. The idea behind the oath and the workshops on professionalism stems from a belief among justices of the Illinois Supreme Court that one of the most effective ways of improving professionalism among lawyers is to begin at the early stages with law students.**

**During the past year, the Supreme Court Committee held 11 town hall meetings statewide with attorneys, judges and community representatives examining the need for professionalism and ways to achieve it.**

**The Special Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism was established by the Court in November, 2001.**

**WHEN: Chief Justice McMorrow will administer the oath Wednesday, August 18 at 6 p.m. (for evening students) and Thursday, August 19 at 10 a.m. (for day students).**

**WHERE: August 18: at DePaul University College of Law, 25 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago; August 19: at Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive, Chicago**