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**MEDIA ADVISORY - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**JUSTICE FITZGERALD TO ADMINISTER OATH OF PROFESSIONALISM TO  
NEW CHICAGO-KENT LAW STUDENTS**

**WHO:** Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald of the Illinois Supreme Court

**WHAT:** Justice Fitzgerald will administer an oath of professionalism to incoming law students at Chicago-Kent. 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:** Justice Fitzgerald will administer the oath Wednesday, August 18 at 4 p.m. (for day students) and at 6 p.m. (for evening students).

**WHERE:** Chicago-Kent College of Law, 565 W. Adams Street, Chicago