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

Nearly 2,100 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, November 4 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, 1,566, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. at Arie Crown Theater, McCormick Place East. Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow will preside over the ceremony, with Justices Charles E. Freeman and Thomas R. Fitzgerald participating.

The 2,072 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 Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, 10:00 a.m., Michael J. Howlett Building, Second and Jackson Streets, Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Philip J. Rarick will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony, 2 p.m., Gateway Convention Center, Center Hall, 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.

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Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third Judicial District ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 226 17th Street, Rock Island.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 81,000.