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**JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Supreme Court of Illinois Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 13 new lawyers are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Ottawa on Thursday, May 5.

The group is among 734 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 Ottawa program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Appellate Court Building, located at 1004 Columbus Street.

Justice Kilbride will welcome the members of the class and their families and friends.

Joseph G. Bisceglia, third vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the main speaker for the ceremony.

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 approximately 80,000.

Media coverage is invited.

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The Third Judicial District is made up of these counties: Will, Iroquois, Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, Whiteside, Henry, Stark, Peoria, Fulton, Knox, Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Warren, Henderson, Hancock and McDonough.

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

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