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BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY TO BE HELD MAY 8

Illinois Appellate Court Presiding Judge Mary McDade will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 22 new lawyers are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Ottawa on Thursday, May 8.

The group is among 765 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.

Judge McDade will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

John O'Brien, second vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the speaker for the ceremony.

Will County Associate Judge Dinah Archambeault will make the motion to admit the class. David Andich, a member of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, will second the motion to admit the class.

A reception will follow.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination, a required ethics examination and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

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The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 85,000.

Media coverage is invited.

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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