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

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside and administer the attorney's oath to 42 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in ceremonies in Moline on Thursday, November 5.

The new group of lawyers are among 2,314 men and women statewide who were certified as candidates, and are to be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Moline program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11:15 a.m. in Conference Room ABC of I Wireless Center, located at 1201 River Drive in Moline.

Justice Kilbride, along with Illinois Appellate Justice Tom M. Lytton from the Third Judicial District, Chief Judge Jeffrey O'Connor from the 14th Judicial Circuit and Circuit Judge Joseph Vespa from the 10th Judicial Circuit, will welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Third Judicial District Appellate Court Justices Daniel L. Schmidt, Robert L. Carter and Vicki Wright; Gist Fleshman, clerk of the Third District Appellate Court, Lisa Bierman, clerk of the 14th Judicial Circuit; David W. Andich from the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar; and Vicki Bluedorn, court administrator of the 14th Judicial Circuit.

Attorney Stuart Leftstein will be the keynote speaker. John G. O'Brien, president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will give remarks.

Coal City attorney Larry Wharrie will make the motion to admit the class. His son, Ryan, is a member of the class. Family members joining in the motion to admit the class are: Judge Vespa, attorneys Ted G. Collins and Timothy Howard.

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Kankakee attorney Dennis Baron will second the motion to admit the class. His son, David, is also a member of the class.

A reception will follow, and media coverage is invited.

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 to approximately 86,000.

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 judicial districts will be held in Chicago, Carbondale, Springfield, and Elgin.

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