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**JUSTICE ROBERT R. THOMAS TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will administer the attorney's oath to 250 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois in Elgin on Thursday, November 4.

The group is among 2,225 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 Elgin program in the Second Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the Hemmens Memorial Building Auditorium at the Elgin Civic Center Plaza located at 150 Dexter Court.

Justice Thomas will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families and friends. Many of the justices of the Illinois Appellate Court, Second District, will attend.

Illinois Appellate Court Presiding Judge Kathryn Zenoff from the Second Judicial District will give opening remarks. Irene Bahr, past president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will make the motion to admit the class. Patrick M. Flaherty, president of the Kane County Bar Association, will second the motion to admit the class.

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 89,500.

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Media coverage is invited.

The counties in the Second Judicial District are: Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago.

The ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Carbondale, Springfield and Moline.

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