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**JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside, and administer the attorney's oath when 149 new lawyers are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Carbondale 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 Carbondale program in the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Lesar School of Law Building, which is located on the campus of Southern Illinois University.

Justice Karmeier will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class to the practice of law.

Mark Hassakis, president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker. Mr. Hassakis is partner with the law firm of Hassakis and Hassakis, P.C. in Mt. Vernon. SIU School of Law Dean Cynthia Fountaine will also speak.

Other guests of the Supreme Court will be: Circuit Judges Richard A. Brown from the 20th Judicial Circuit and James R. Moore from the First Judicial Circuit; Associate Judges Ellar Duff from the Third Judicial Circuit and Mark Shaner from the Second Judicial Circuit.

Circuit Judges Brown and Moore, along with Associate Judges Duff and Shaner each will make the motion to admit the class.

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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.

Media coverage is invited.

The counties in the Fifth Judicial District are: Christian, Shelby, Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Lawrence, Richland, Clay, Wayne, Marion, Jefferson, Clinton, Washington, St. Clair, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Edwards, Wabash, Gallatin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac.

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

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