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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 221 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois in Elgin on Thursday, November 10.

Among the 221 candidates to be sworn during Thursday's ceremony is Jonathan Matthew Thomas, son of Justice Thomas.

The group is among 2,155 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.

Richard D. Felice, third vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will make the motion to admit the class.

Thomas E. Laughlin, president of the Winnebago County Bar Association and DuPage County Circuit Judge Blanche Hill Fawell will both 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 90,200.

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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 Rock Island.

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