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

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will administer the attorney's oath to 17 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in ceremonies in Ottawa on Thursday, May 9.

The group is among 668 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 program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. in the Appellate Court Building, located at 1004 Columbus Street in Ottawa.

Chief Justice Kilbride will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Jessica A. Hegarty will be the speaker for the ceremony. A former prosecutor with the Cook County state's attorney's office, Ms. Hegarty is a trial attorney and partner in the Chicago law firm of Hegarty & Hegarty where she focuses her practice in catastrophic personal injury and medical malpractice.

Bradley attorney Randall R. Chaplinski with HomeStar Bank & Financial Services will make the motion to admit the class. LaSalle County State's Attorney Brian J. Towne will second the motion to admit the class. Mr. Towne also serves a member of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar.

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.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 91,500.

Media coverage is invited.

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The Third Judicial District is comprised of Bureau, Fulton, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside and Will counties.

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

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