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JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will administer the attorney's oath to 118 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois 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 Collinsville program in the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. at the Gateway Convention Center, Center Hall A, which is located near the intersection of Route 157 and Interstates 55/70 in Collinsville.

Justice Karmeier will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, families and friends.

John Thies, president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker. Mr. Thies is partner with the Urbana-Champaign law firm of Webber & Thies P.C. His practice focuses on business representation and general litigation.

Circuit Judge Ronald D. Spears from the Fourth Judicial Circuit will also speak. A retired Army Colonel, Judge Spears served in the Illinois Army National Guard as State Judge Advocate and a Certified Military Judge. He was appointed as a Circuit judge in 1993. He was elected to the position in 1994 and has been retained in three elections.

John P. Long, an attorney with the law firm of Belsheim & Bruckert in O'Fallon, will give congratulatory remarks. Mr. Long serves as a member of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar.

Edwardsville attorney Glenn E. Bradford will make the motion to admit the class. A former Illinois state representative, Mr. Bradford has a solo practice.

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Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Circuit Judges Robert M. Hopkins from the Second Judicial Circuit; Kyle Napp from the Third Judicial Circuit; and Michael N. Cook from the 20th Judicial Circuit.

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.

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

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

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