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JUSTICE KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will administer the attorney's oath to 97 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, November 6.

The group is among 1,874 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 Fifth District ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at the Southern Illinois University School of Law Auditorium.

Dean Cynthia L. Fontaine of the Southern Illinois University School of Law will give welcoming remarks.

The speaker for the ceremony will be Umberto S. Davi, president-elect of the Illinois State Bar Association. Mr. Davi is a solo practitioner in Western Springs, concentrating his practice in family law and real estate.

Marion attorney John Sanders will make the motion to admit the class. Additional members of the Illinois bar will be speaking in support of the motion.

Guests of the Supreme Court include Circuit Judges David K. Frankland and David K. Overstreet of the 2nd Judicial Circuit; Phillip G. Palmer, Sr. of the 1st Judicial Circuit; and Associate Judge Kimberly L. Dahlen of the 1st Judicial Circuit.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination, a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 94,000.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

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Media coverage is invited.

The Fifth Judicial District is composed 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, Elgin, Moline, and Springfield.

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