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**CHIEF JUSTICE MOSES W. HARRISON II TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW  
ATTORNEYS**

Supreme Court of Illinois Chief Justice Moses W. Harrison II will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 117 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Collinsville on Thursday, May 10.

The group is among approximately 650 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 in the LaSalle Room at the Gateway Convention Center, which is located near the intersection of Illinois Route 157 and Interstates 55/70 in Collinsville.

Chief Justice Harrison will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class and their families and friends, and give congratulatory remarks to the new bar admittees.

Terrence J. Lavin, third vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), will be the opening speaker. Mr. Lavin, former adjunct professor of law at Chicago-Kent School of Law, is currently a partner with the firm of Lavin & Nisivaco in Chicago.

John Ammann, professor and director of the Law Clinic at the St. Louis University School of Law, also will be a featured speaker.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Appellate Court Justice Philip J. Rarick of the Fifth Judicial District; Circuit Court Judges James K. Donovan from the Twentieth Judicial Circuit and John Knight from the Third Judicial Circuit; and Associate Circuit Court Judge Clarence W. Harrison II from the Third Judicial Circuit.

Illinois Appellate Court Justice Terrence J. Hopkins from the Fifth Judicial District will make the motion to admit the class. His son, Aaron Michael, is a member of the class.

Attorney Patrick McCann will second the motion to admit the class. His wife, Donna White McCann, is also a member of 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 more than 75,000. About 10,000 of these are lawyers who pay a reduced registration fee and neither reside nor practice in Illinois.

Media coverage is invited.

Chief Justice Harrison was born in Collinsville and educated in Collinsville public schools. He received his undergraduate degree from Colorado College, and law degree from Washington University's School of Law in St. Louis in 1958. He practiced law in East St. Louis and Collinsville until his appointment by the Supreme Court as a Circuit Court judge in 1973.

In 1979, Chief Justice Harrison was appointed to the Illinois Appellate Court, Fifth District in Mt. Vernon. He was elected to the position in 1980, and retained as an Appellate Court justice by the voters in 1990. He was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court in 1992, and was named Chief Justice for a three-year term which began January 1, 2000.

The counties in the Fifth District of the Supreme Court 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, Ottawa and Elgin.