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MEDIA ADVISORY

On Monday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m., Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow will swear in Elizabeth Durfee as a new Illinois lawyer at Justice McMorrow's chambers at 160 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago.

This event is unusual because Ms. Durfee recently passed the Illinois bar exam and was scheduled to be sworn with more than 1,800 persons who also recently passed the Illinois bar. That event is scheduled in five different locations around the state on Nov. 8.

It is rare for anyone from the general group of those who have passed the bar exam to be sworn in before the designated date so that no one is seen to be given an advantage in starting a law practice.

An exception is being made in Ms. Durfee's case, however, because she is shortly getting married and then being commissioned in the United States Air Force.

"I've always had a commitment to the Armed Services," Ms. Durfee said. "My grandfather won the Purple Heart and was a prisoner of war in World War II. My father and my uncle were in the Air Force.

"After what happened on September 11, there is no better time for people to join the Armed Services, It's time for young people to continue with the tradition that people like my grandfather made for us: everything this country stands for, the lifestyle and the freedom we enjoy."

Ms. Durfee, a graduate of John Marshall Law School, will be traveling to Florida on Tuesday in advance of her marriage to Thomas Robert Pullin, a sergeant in the Illinois National Guard.

She will be commissioned an officer in the U.S. Air Force, assigned to the Judge Advocate General Corps, on Nov. 11 and will begin JAG training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., on Nov. 13.

Ms. Durfee will be available for interviews after her swearing in.