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BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7

Illinois Appellate Court Judge Susan F. Hutchinson will administer the attorney's oath to 163 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois in Elgin on Thursday, November 7.

The group is among 1,612 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 Elgin program in the Second Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the Hemmens Memorial Building in the Elgin Civic Center Plaza located at 150 Dexter Court.

Judge Hutchinson will preside over the ceremony, welcome the members of the class and their families and friends, and administer the oath.

Robert K. Downs, third vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), will be the opening speaker.

Donald J. Ramsell, president of the DuPage County Bar Association, will make the motion to admit the class.

John F. Early, president of the Kane County Bar Association, will second the motion to admit 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.

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The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to over 77,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The Second Judicial District consists of DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, Boone, Lee, Ogle, Winnebago, Stephenson, Carroll and Jo Daviess counties.

The ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Collinsville, Springfield and Joliet.