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**JUSTICE RITA B. GARMAN TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Supreme Court of Illinois Justice Rita B. Garman will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 18 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Springfield on Thursday, May 5.

The group is among 734 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 Springfield program in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom in the Illinois Supreme Court Building, located at Second and Capitol Streets in Springfield.

Justice Garman, the second woman to sit on the High Court, will welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb from the 11th Judicial Circuit; Circuit Judge Scott Walden from the 8th Judicial Circuit; Associate Judge Lisa Holder-White from the 6th Judicial Circuit; Ole Bly Pace III, president of the Illinois State Bar Association; attorneys Thomas Meyer from Danville; and Charles Mockbee III, also from Danville.

Judge Robb will serve as keynote speaker for the ceremony. Mr. Pace will also address the incoming class.

Mr. Mockbee will make the motion to admit the class, while Mr. Meyer will second the motion to admit the class.

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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 approximately 80,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The counties in the Fourth Judicial District are: Adams, Pike, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Scott, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Cass, Mason, Menard, Sangamon, Logan, DeWitt, Macon, Piatt, Moultrie, McLean, Woodford, Livingston, Ford, Champaign, Douglas, Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Edgar and Vermilion.

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

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