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**JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 114 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Carbondale on Thursday, November 10.

The group is among 2,164 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 Carbondale program in the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Lesar School of Law Building, which is located on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

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

Jack C. Carey, third vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker. Mr. Carey is sole practitioner in Belleville. Peter C. Alexander, dean of the School of Law, will also address the incoming class.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Illinois Appellate Court Judges Stephen L. Spomer and Stephen P. McGlynn, both from the Fifth Judicial District; Circuit Judge Thomas H. Sutton from the Second Judicial Circuit; and Associate Judge Kimberly L. Dahlen from the First Judicial Circuit.

A reception will follow.

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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 slightly over 81,000.

Media coverage is invited.

Justice Karmeier was born in rural Washington County. He received both his B.S. degree and his J.D. degree from the University of Illinois. Justice Karmeier clerked for Illinois Supreme Court Justice Byron O. House from 1964-1968; served as State's Attorney of Washington County, Illinois from 1968-1972; clerked for United States District Court Judge James L. Foreman from 1972-1973 and engaged in the general practice of law with the firm of Hohlt, House, DeMoss & Johnson from 1964-1986.

He also served as Resident Circuit Judge of Washington County from 1984 to 2004. He was elected to the Supreme Court in November, 2004.

The counties in the Fifth Judicial District 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, Rock Island and Elgin.

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