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

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 71 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Springfield 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 Springfield program in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Michael J. Howlett Building, located at the intersection of Second and Jackson Streets in Springfield.

Justice Garman will welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be Chief Judges James R. Glenn from the Fifth Judicial Circuit; John P. Shonkwiler from the Sixth Judicial Circuit; Robert J. Eggers from the Seventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas L. Brownfield from the Eighth Judicial Circuit; and Elizabeth A. Robb from the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

U.S. District Court Judge Jeanne E. Scott will serve as keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Howard W. Feldman, a member of the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors and Raylene DeWitte Grischow, president of the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association, will also address the incoming class.

Theodore R. LeBlang, an attorney with the SIU School of Medicine will make the motion to admit the class, while Danville attorney Thomas B. 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 slightly over 81,000.

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, Carbondale, Rock Island and Elgin.

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