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**SUPREME COURT JUSTICES PRESIDE OVER BAR ADMISSION
CEREMONIES**

More than 2,100 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, November 10 with Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Appellate Court presiding and administering the attorney's oath at five separate locations.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois state bar examination and an ethics examination, and have been certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The largest group, 1,706, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. at Arie Crown Theater, McCormick Place East. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Freeman will preside over the ceremony, with Justices Mary Ann G. McMorrow and Thomas R. Fitzgerald participating.

Illinois Appellate Court Judge Mary Jane Theis from the First Judicial District will make the motion to admit the class. Her son, John, is a member of the class.

Ten special guests will give seconds to the motion to admit the class. Among the notable guests will be Michael Madigan, speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. His daughter, Nicole, is a member of the class. Other speakers will include retired State Sen. Howard W. Carroll, whose daughters Jacqueline and Barbara, are members of the class; and Cook County Associate Judge Grace Dickler, whose daughter Jamie, is a member of the class.

The 2,164 men and women were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys Thursday at ceremonies in the five Supreme Court judicial districts.

Here are the time and locations of Thursday's ceremonies:

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Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third Judicial District ceremony, 11:15 a.m., Banquet Room, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 3rd Avenue and 17th Street, Rock Island.

Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., auditorium of the Michael J. Howlett Building, Second and Jackson Streets, Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony, 2 p.m., Lesar School of Law Building, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Appellate Court Judge Jack O'Malley will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Hemmens Memorial Building, Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to slightly over 81,000.

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