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**JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW  
ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 61 new lawyers are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Rock Island 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 Rock Island program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Banquet Room of the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Rock Island.

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

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Appellate Court Judges Kent Slater, Tobias Barry, Tom Lytton, Mary McDade, Mary K. O'Brien, and Daniel Schmidt, all from the Third Judicial District; Chief Judge Jeffrey O'Connor from the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; and Circuit Judges Thomas Berglund, Lori Lefstein, Charles Stengel, Vicki Wright and Mark VandeWiele, all from the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; plus Associate Judge Raymond Conklin from the 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

Naomi Schuster, member of the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors, will serve as keynote speaker.

Judith Kelly, an attorney with the Illinois Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's office will make the motion to admit the class. Her son, Thomas, is a member of the class.

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Associate Judge Daniel Bute from the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit will second the motion to admit the class; his daughter, Kerry Ann, is also a member of 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.

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

Media coverage is invited.

The Third Judicial District is made up of these counties: Will, Iroquois, Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, Whiteside, Henry, Stark, Peoria, Fulton, Knox, Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Warren, Henderson, Hancock and McDonough.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Carbondale, Springfield and Elgin.

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