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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 17 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Springfield on Thursday, May 10.

The group is among 769 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 will welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Circuit Judge Mark A. Schuering from the Eighth Judicial Circuit; Circuit Judge Michael P. Kiley from the Fourth Judicial Circuit; Raylene DeWitte Grischow from the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association; Blake Weaver, an attorney in Urbana and John E. Thies from the Illinois State Bar Association.

Judge Scheuring will serve as keynote speaker for the ceremony. Ms. Grischow and Mr. Thies will also address the incoming class.

Mr. Weaver will make the motion to admit the class. Judge Kiley will make a judicial response after the ruling on 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, a required 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 84,000.

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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