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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 148 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Collinsville 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 Collinsville program in the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. at the Gateway Convention Center, which is located near the intersection of Route 157 and Interstates 55/70 in Collinsville.

Justice Karmeier will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, families and friends.

Jack Carey, second vice president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker. Lois J. Wood, executive director of the Land of Lincoln Legal Services Foundation, will also speak.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Illinois Supreme Court Justice Moses W. Harrison II (ret.); Circuit Judge Kimberly G. Koester from the Fourth Judicial Circuit; Circuit Judge Milton S. Wharton from the 20th Judicial Circuit and Associate Judge Richard L. Tognarelli from the Third Judicial Circuit.

A reception will follow.

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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 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, Ottawa and Elgin.

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