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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 115 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Collinsville on Thursday, May 7.

The group is among 616 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, president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker. Mr. Carey practices in Belleville, specializing in personal injury and labor law. He is also vice president of the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation.

John P. Long, board member of the Illinois State Board of Admissions to the Bar, will also speak. He is an attorney with the law firm of Belsheim & Bruckert in O'Fallon, specializing in municipal law, appellate practice, real estate and wills, trusts and estate planning.

Circuit Judge Kathleen Moran from the Fourth Judicial Circuit will make the motion to admit the class.

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Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: retired Illinois Supreme Court Justice Philip Rarick; Circuit Judges Annette Eckert from the 20th Judicial Circuit; Kathleen Moran and Kelly D. Long from the Fourth Judicial Circuit; and Associate Judge Stephen Stobbs from the Third Judicial Circuit.

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 86,000.

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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