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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 to 95 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in ceremonies in Springfield on Thursday, November 4.

The group is among 2,225 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 Michael J. Howlett Building, located at the intersection of Second and Jackson 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: Chief Circuit Judges Tracy Resch from the Fifth Circuit, John Shonkwiler from the Sixth Circuit, Patrick Kelley from the Seventh Circuit; and Richard Greenlief from the Eighth Circuit.

U.S. District Court Judge Gerald D. Fines will serve as keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Urbana attorney John E. Thies will make the motion to admit the class. Mr. Thies is also second vice president of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Attorneys Thomas Bruno from Urbana and George Hennenfent from Roseville will both second the motion to admit the class.

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Springfield attorney Raylene DeWitte Grischow will also speak before 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 approximately 89,500.

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, Carbondale, Moline and Elgin.

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