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JUSTICE THOMAS TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will administer the attorney's oath to 63 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, May 5.

The group is among 628 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 Elgin program in the Second Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the Hemmens Memorial Building Auditorium at the Elgin Civic Center Plaza located at 150 Dexter Court.

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

Members of the Second Judicial District Appellate Court who will be in attendance include: Presiding Appellate Justice Ann B. Jorgensen from DuPage County; Justices Joseph E. Birkett, John J. Bowman, Michael J. Burke and Robert D. McLaren from DuPage County; Donald C. Hudson from Kane County; Susan F. Hutchinson from McHenry County; and Kathryn E. Zenoff from Winnebago County.

John E. Thies, second vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will make the motion to admit the class. Patrick M. Kinnally, president of the Kane County Bar Association, will second the motion to admit the class.

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.

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The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 89,500.

Media coverage is invited.

The Second Judicial District is comprised of DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, Boone, Lee, Ogle, Winnebago, Stephenson, Carroll and Jo Daviess counties.

The ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Collinsville, Springfield and Ottawa.

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