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JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will administer the attorney's oath to 105 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 Collinsville program in the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. at the Gateway Convention Center, Center Hall A, 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.

John G. Locallo, president-elect of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker. Mr. Locallo is partner in the Chicago law firm of Amari & Locallo, concentrating in real estate tax assessment law.

Edwardsville attorney Gordon R. Broom, will also speak. Mr. Broom is partner with the law firm of HeplerBroom, LLC. He focuses his practice on trials involving personal and bodily injury.

Benton attorney Bryan Alan Drew will make the motion to admit the class.

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Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Chief Circuit Judge John C. Baricevic and Circuit Judge Ellen A. Dauber from the 20th Judicial Circuit; Circuit Judge James J. Eder from the Fourth Judicial Circuit; and Associate Judge Duane L. Bailey 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 89,500.

Media coverage is invited.

The Fifth Judicial District is comprised of the following counties: 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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