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BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY TO BE HELD MAY 5

Illinois Appellate Court Presiding Justice Robert L. Carter will administer the attorney's oath to 13 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois in Ottawa 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 Ottawa program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. in the Appellate Court Building, located at 1004 Columbus Street.

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

Members of the Third Judicial District Appellate Court will be in attendance. They are: Justices William E. Holdridge, Tom M. Lytton, Mary W. McDade, Mary K. O'Brien, Daniel L. Schmidt and Vicki R. Wright

Mark Hassakis, president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the speaker for the ceremony. He is a partner with the firm of Hassakis & Hassakis in Mt. Vernon.

Chief Judge H. Chris Ryan, Jr. from the 13th Judicial Circuit will make 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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**Third District Bar Admission Ceremony
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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 Third Judicial District is comprised of these counties: Bureau, Fulton, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside and Will.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Collinsville, Springfield and Elgin.

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