



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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## **SUPREME COURT JUSTICES PRESIDE OVER BAR ADMISSION CEREMONIES**

Nearly 2,200 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, November 10 with Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court presiding and administering the attorney's oath at five separate locations.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois state bar examination and an ethics examination, and have been certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The largest group, 1,600, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. at the McCormick Place West Skyline Ballroom. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Freeman will preside over the ceremony, with Justices Anne M. Burke and Mary Jane Theis participating.

Justice Freeman will introduce Cook County Associate Judge Frank B. Castiglione, who will make the motion to admit the class.

The Hon. Joseph N. Casciato, retired associate judge, will second the motion to admit the class.

Representatives from the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar who will be in attendance include James R. Carroll, Lawrence N. Hill and Neil K. Quinn.

The 2,155 men and women were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys Thursday at ceremonies in the five Supreme Court judicial districts.

Here are the time and locations of Thursday's ceremonies:

Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third Judicial District ceremony, 11:15 a.m., Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 226 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island.

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**Bar Admission Ceremonies To Be Held November 10  
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Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Hemmens Memorial Building, Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin.

Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., auditorium of the Michael J. Howlett Building, Second and Jackson Streets, Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony, 2 p.m., Lesar School of Law Building, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 90,200.

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