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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 89 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in ceremonies in Springfield on Thursday, November 10.

The group is among 2,155 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 Millard S. Everhart from the Fifth Circuit, John P. Shonkwiler from the Sixth Circuit, Richard T. Mitchell from the Seventh Circuit; Richard Greenlief from the Eighth Circuit; and Elizabeth Robb from the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

Dean Bruce P. Smith from the University of Illinois College of Law will serve as keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Springfield attorney Frederick P. Velde will make the motion to admit the class.

Quincy attorney Andrew C. Schnack III will second the motion to admit the class.

Springfield attorney Geri Lynn Arrindell and Peoria attorney Elizabeth L. Jensen will also speak before the class. Ms. Jensen serves on the Board of Directors for the Illinois State Bar Association.

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.

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**Justice Garman to Administer Oath  
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The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 90,200.

Media coverage is invited.

The counties in the Fourth Judicial District are: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, McLean, Menard, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermilion and Woodford.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Carbondale, Rock Island and Elgin.

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