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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 96 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, May 10.

The group is among 608 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, Ballroom CD, 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.

Jack C. Carey, past president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker. In private practice, Mr. Carey emphasizes personal injury and labor law.

Edwardsville attorney Donald L. Metzger, will also speak. Mr. Metzger is with Metzger Law Offices, focusing his practice on trusts and estates, along with banking and real estate.

Belleville attorney Eugene Menges will make the motion to admit the class. Attorney Peter Von Gontard, with the St. Louis law firm of Sandberg, Phoenix and Von Gontard, will second the motion to admit the class.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Chief Judge Ann Callis and Circuit Judge Charles Romani, Jr. from the Third Judicial Circuit; and Circuit Judges Douglas Jarman from the Fourth Judicial Circuit and Stephen McGlynn from the 20th Judicial Circuit.

A reception will follow.

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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 90,700.

Media coverage is invited.

The Fifth Judicial District is comprised of the following counties: Alexander, Bond, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Wabash, Wayne, Washington, White, Williamson and Union.

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

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