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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 113 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, November 1.

The group is among 2,125 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, 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.

Russell K. Scott, a member of the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker. In private practice, Mr. Scott is a senior litigation officer at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale and is co-manager of the firm's Belleville office.

O'Fallon attorney John P. Long will also speak. Mr. Long is with the law firm of Belsheim & Bruckert, engaged in the practice of municipal law, appellate practice, real estate, wills, trusts and estate planning. Mr. Long is also a member of the Board of Admissions to the Bar.

Lt. Governor Shelia Simon will give congratulatory remarks. Prior to her election in 2010, Lt. Gov. Simon had served on the Carbondale City Council and spent a decade on the faculty of Southern Illinois University School of Law.

Associate Judge Brian D. Lewis from the First Judicial Circuit will make the motion to admit the class.

Mr. Long will second the motion to admit the class; Associate Judge Stephen R. Rice from the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit will offer remarks in support of the motion. Eight additional members of the Illinois Bar will be recognized in support of the motion to admit.

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Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Circuit Judge Christopher Weber from the Second Circuit; Associate Judges Clarence W. Harrison II from the Third Circuit, Ericka Sanders from the Fourth Circuit and Heinz M. Rudolph from the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 91,600.

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, St. Clair, Saline, Shelby, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White and Williamson.

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

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