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CHIEF JUSTICE RITA B. GARMAN TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN SPRINGFIELD

Chief Justice Rita B. Garman of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 60 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, November 6.

The group is among 1,874 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 program in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, located at 420 S. 6th Street in Springfield.

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

Appellate Justice James A. Knecht from the Fourth Judicial District will serve as the keynote speaker. Other speakers will include Illinois State Bar Association President Richard D. Felice and Springfield attorney William F. Moran III.

Bloomington attorneys Peter W. Brandt and William R. Brandt will both make the motion to admit the class.

Springfield attorney Pat Sheehan will second the motion to admit the class.

Chief Justice Garman will rule on the motions to admit.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Chief Judges Millard S. Everhart from the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Dan L. Flannell from the Sixth Circuit, Leslie J. Graves from the Seventh Circuit, and Diane M. Lagoski from the Eighth 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 Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 94,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The Fourth Judicial District is composed of 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 counties.

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

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