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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 25 new lawyers on Thursday, May 7 in Springfield.

The group is among 600 individuals who will be sworn in and admitted to the practice of law in Illinois during bar admission ceremonies held in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The bar admission ceremony in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom in the Illinois Supreme Court Building at Second Street and Capitol Avenue in Springfield.

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

The speaker for the ceremony will be Circuit Judge April G. Troemper in Springfield of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. Judge Troemper was recently appointed an at-large Circuit Judge. She has been a judge since 2009 and is the current president of the Sangamon County Bar Association.

Other speakers will include Illinois State Bar Association President-Elect Umberto S. Davi, a solo practitioner in Western Springs, and William F. Moran III, a managing partner at Stratton, Giganti, Stone, Moran & Radkey in Springfield who also serves as a commissioner on the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

Circuit Judge Paul G. Lawrence of the 11th Judicial Circuit will make the motion to admit the class. Judge Lawrence's daughter, Rachel Anne Lawrence, is one of the 25 candidates set to take the attorney's oath at the ceremony.

Gregory P. Sgro, a partner at Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin in Springfield, will second the motion. Mr. Sgro's son, Benjamin Mitchell Sgro, will also be sworn in as a new attorney at the ceremony.

Chief Justice Garman will rule on the motion to admit and administer the attorney's oath. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association 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 sworn in at the May 7 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 95,000. In addition to Springfield, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Chicago, Elgin, Ottawa and Carbondale.

Media coverage is invited.

The Fourth Judicial District is composed of the following counties: 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.

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