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JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN CARBONDALE

Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 94 new lawyers on Thursday, May 7 in Carbondale.

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 Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. at the Southern Illinois University School of Law Auditorium, located at 1150 Douglas Drive in Carbondale.

Justice Karmeier will preside over the ceremony. Dean Cynthia L. Fountaine of the Southern Illinois University School of Law will give welcoming remarks. Dean Fountaine is a Commissioner on the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

The speaker for the ceremony will be Russell K. Scott, a member of the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors. Mr. Scott is a senior litigation officer at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale in Belleville and member of the firm's Board of Directors.

Retired Fifth District Appellate Court Clerk Louis E. Costa will make the motion to admit the class and Sharon S. Costa, an attorney with Costa Law Office in Mount Vernon, will second the motion. They are the parents of candidate Patrick Louis Costa.

Also making remarks in support of the motion to admit the class will be James M. Gallen, a member of Evans & Dixon in St. Louis and the father of candidate James W. Gallen; and Ronald S. Motil, a partner at Beatty & Motil in Glen Carbon and the father of candidate Gregory S. Motil.

Justice Karmeier will rule on the motion and administer the attorney's oath. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association will follow the ceremony.

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Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include: Chief Judge Michael D. McHaney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit; Circuit Judge Joseph J. Jackson in Massac County in the First Judicial Circuit; Associate Judge Charles C. Cavaness in Union County of the First Judicial Circuit; and Circuit Judge Johannah B. Weber in Jefferson County of the Second Judicial Circuit.

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 Carbondale, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Springfield, Ottawa, Elgin and Chicago.

Media coverage is invited.

The Fifth Judicial District is composed 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.

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