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SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO PRESIDE OVER BAR ADMISSION CEREMONIES MAY 7 IN FIVE LOCATIONS

Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 600 new attorneys on Thursday, May 7 at five separate locations across the state.

The largest group, 403, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during three ceremonies at the James R. Thompson Center Assembly Hall, 100 W. Randolph St. in Chicago. The ceremonies will be at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

All of the candidates set to be sworn in have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination, a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness. They will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 95,000.

Justice Burke will preside over the 9 a.m. ceremony in the First District.

Guests of the morning ceremony will include Thomas A. Clancy, of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar; Celestia L. Mays, president of the Cook County Bar Association; and Anita DeCarlo, president of the Justinian Society who will move for admission of the class.

Justice Freeman and Appellate Justice Cynthia Cobbs will preside over the 11:30 a.m. ceremony.

Guests of the second First District ceremony will include: Sheila B. Kennedy, of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar; Illinois State Bar Association President Richard D. Felice; and John Litchfield, president of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association. Justice Cobbs will move for admission of the class.

Justice Theis will preside over the 2:30 p.m. ceremony in Chicago.

Retired Cook County Circuit Judge Philip L. Bronstein, father of candidate Andrew Brott Bronstein, will make the motion to admit the class at the afternoon ceremony. Attorneys Lawrence N. Hill, of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar; Daniel Cotter, president of the Chicago Bar Association; and Maria Gonzalez, president-elect of the Puerto Rican Bar Association, will second the motion.

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

Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth District ceremony, which 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.

Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will preside over the Second District ceremony, at 10 a.m. at Hemmens Cultural Center in the Elgin Civic Center Plaza, located at 150 Dexter Court in Elgin.

Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third District ceremony, which will be held at 11 a.m. at the Third District Appellate Court Building, 1004 Columbus St. in Ottawa.

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth District ceremony, at 2 p.m. at the Southern Illinois University School of Law Auditorium, 1150 Douglas Drive in Carbondale.

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