



Supreme Court of Illinois

CORRECTION: PLEASE NOTE THIS RELEASE CORRECTS THE ADDRESS OF HEMMENS CULTURAL CENTER TO 45 SYMPHONY WAY IN ELGIN. IT ALSO UPDATES THE LIST OF SPEAKERS AND GUESTS.

November 4, 2015

JUSTICE ROBERT R. THOMAS TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN ELGIN

Justice Robert R. Thomas of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 152 new lawyers on Thursday, November 5 in the Second Judicial Circuit.

The group is among 1,605 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 Second Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. at Hemmens Cultural Center, located at 45 Symphony Way in Elgin.

Media coverage is invited.

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

Presiding Justice Mary Seminara-Schostok of the Second District Appellate Court will make comments and introduce Second District Appellate Justice Robert B. Spence, who will lead the group in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Retired DuPage County Circuit Judge John T. Elsner will make the motion to admit the class. James J. Laraia, an attorney at Laraia & Laraia P.C. in Wheaton and president of the DuPage County Bar Association, will second the motion.

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

The Second District Appellate Justices who will be in attendance include: Presiding Justice Seminara-Schostok, and Justices Spence, Robert D. McLaren, Susan F. Hutchinson, Kathryn E. Zenoff, Michael J. Burke, Donald C. Hudson, and Joseph E. Birkett.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

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The new attorneys sworn in at the November 5 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,000. In addition to Elgin, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Chicago, Springfield, Kankakee, and Carbondale.

The Second Judicial District is composed of the following counties: Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago.

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