



Supreme Court of Illinois

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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 52 new lawyers on Thursday, November 5, in the Fourth Judicial District.

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 Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 South Sixth Street, in Springfield.

Media coverage is invited.

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 Chief Judge Craig H. DeArmond of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Chief Judge DeArmond has been a judge since 2000 and was elected earlier this year by his peers to serve as chief judge for the circuit, which includes Vermilion, Edgar, Coles, Cumberland, and Clark counties.

Other speakers will include Illinois State Bar Association President Umberto S. Davi, a sole 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 Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

Wendy L. Morthland, corporation counsel at the City of Decatur, will make the motion to admit the class, and William M. McCleery, a partner at Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell LLP in Quincy, will second the motion. Both have children who will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony.

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

Guests of the Supreme Court will include: Chief Judge Dan L. Flannell from Moultrie County in the Sixth Judicial Circuit; Chief Judge Kenneth R. Diehl from Sangamon County in the Seventh Judicial Circuit; Chief Judge Diane M. Lagoski from Adams County in the Eighth Judicial Circuit; and Chief Judge Kevin P. Fitzgerald from McLean County in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

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

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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