



Supreme Court of Illinois

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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 65 new lawyers on Thursday, May 5 in the Second Judicial Circuit.

The group is among 518 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 members of the class, their families, and friends.

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

Joliet attorneys Vincent F. Cornelius, president elect of the Illinois State Bar Association, will make the motion to admit the class. Waukegan attorney Donald J. Morrison, president of the Lake 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 Robert D. McLaren, Susan F. Hutchinson, Kathryn E. Zenoff, Michael J. Burke, Donald C. Hudson, Joseph E. Birkett, and Robert B. Spence.

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.

The new attorneys sworn in at the May 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, Ottawa, and Collinsville.

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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