



Supreme Court of Illinois

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO PRESIDE OVER BAR ADMISSION CEREMONIES MAY 5 IN FIVE LOCATIONS

Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 518 new attorneys on Thursday, May 5 at five separate locations across the state.

The largest group, 327, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during three ceremonies at James R. Thompson Center Assembly Hall, located at 100 W. Randolph St., in Chicago. The ceremonies will be at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. Media coverage is invited.

All of the candidates set to be sworn in have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and 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 96,500.

Justice Anne M. Burke will preside over the 9 a.m. ceremony.

Guests of the morning ceremony will include Randy K. Johnson, of the Illinois Board of Admissions; Umberto Davi, president of the Illinois State Bar Association; and Chung-Han Lee, president of the Asian American Bar Association.

Retired Cook County Associate Judge James P. Etchingham will move for admission of the class. His son will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony.

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

Guests of the second First District ceremony will include Patricia Brown Holmes, president of the Chicago Bar Association; LaShonda Hunt, president of the Black Women Lawyers' Association; and Thomas A. Clancy, of the Illinois Board of Admissions. Justice Cobbs will move for admission of the class.

Justice Mary Jane Theis will preside over the 2:30 p.m. ceremony.

Guests of the afternoon ceremony will include attorneys Arlene Y. Coleman, president of the Cook County Bar Association; Matthew A. Sidor, president of the Advocates Society; and Enrico Mirabelli, who will move for admission of the class. Mr. Mirabelli's son will be taking the oath during the ceremony.

Kenneth G. Jablonski, clerk of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, will serve as acting marshal at all three of the First District ceremonies.

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

Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, which will begin at 10 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Illinois Supreme Court Building, 200 E. Capitol Ave. in Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony at 10 a.m. at Hemmens Memorial Building in the Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 45 Symphony Way, in Elgin.

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

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony at 2 p.m. at Gateway Center, 1 Gateway Dr. in Collinsville.

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