CHIEF JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN SPRINGFIELD

Chief Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 18 new lawyers on Thursday, May 9, for the Fifth Judicial District.

The group is among 335 individuals who will be sworn in and admitted to the practice of law in Illinois during bar admission ceremonies held around the state.

The bar admission ceremony for the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. in the Supreme Court Building Courtroom in Springfield. Media coverage is invited.

Chief Justice Karmeier will preside over the ceremony and make the opening remarks.

The speakers for the ceremony will include SIU Professor Suzanne Schmitz, who is a member of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, and attorney Dennis J. Orsey, 2nd vice president of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include Circuit Judge Mark W. Stedelin of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and Associate Judge Julie K. Katz of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit.

Chief Justice Karmeier will administer the oath. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association will follow.

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 9 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,300. Other ceremonies will be held Thursday in Chicago, Elgin and Ottawa.

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