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JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH
TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN OTTAWA

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 18 new lawyers on Thursday, May 9, in the Third 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 in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. at the Third District Appellate Courthouse, 1004 Columbus Street, in Ottawa. Media coverage is invited.

Justice Kilbride will preside over the ceremony.

The speaker for the ceremony will be David B. Sosin, President-elect of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Third District Appellate Justices in attendance will include Presiding Justice Daniel L. Schmidt, Justice William E. Holdridge, Justice Mary W. McDade, and Justice Robert L. Carter.

Attorney James M. Rochford of Peoria will make the motion to admit the class. Mr. Rochford's son will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony. The motion will be seconded by Matthew P. Jones, the Associate Director of State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor’s office. Mr. Jones' wife will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony. The motion will also be seconded by attorney Martin P. Cillick of Northbrook. Mr. Cillick's daughter will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony.

Justice Kilbride will rule on the motion, administer the attorney's oath, and make remarks. 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. In addition to Ottawa, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Chicago, Elgin and Springfield.
The Third Judicial District includes the following counties: Bureau, Fulton, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside and Will.

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