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SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO PRESIDE OVER BAR ADMISSION CEREMONIES ON MAY 9

Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney’s oath to 335 new attorneys on Thursday, May 9 at ceremonies across the state.

The largest group, 245, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during three ceremonies at the 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 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 96,300.

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

Guests of the morning ceremony will include Megan Paulas, member of the Board of Governors from the Chicago Council of Lawyers.

Hon. James McCluskey, president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will move for admission of the class.

Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr. will preside over the 11:30 a.m. ceremony.

Guests of the second First District ceremony will include Urie Clark, president of the Cook County Bar Association and Jonathan Lubin, president of the Decalogue Society.

First District Appellate Justice Michael Hyman and Hon. Rena VanTine will participate in the admission of the class.

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

Guests of the afternoon ceremony will include Steven M. Elrod, president of the Chicago Bar Association and Koula Fournier, 1st vice president of the Hellenic Bar Association.

Thomas Clancy of the Illinois Board of Admission to the Bar will move for admission of the class.

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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.

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

Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Hemmens Cultural Center 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 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 Chief Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony at 2 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Illinois Supreme Court Building, 200 E. Capitol Ave in Springfield.

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