Supreme Court of Illinois

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PRESIDING APPELLATE JUSTICE JOSEPH E. BIRKETT TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN ELGIN

Presiding Justice Joseph E. Birkett of the Second District Appellate Court will administer the attorney’s oath to 152 new lawyers on Thursday, November 7, in the Second Judicial District.

The group is among 1,459 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 Birkett will preside over the ceremony and welcome Second District Appellate Justices: Justice Robert D. McLaren, Justice Susan F. Hutchinson, Justice Kathryn E. Zenoff, Justice Ann B. Jorgensen, Justice Michael J. Burke, Justice Mary S. Schostok, Justice Donald C. Hudson, Justice George Bridges; members of the class, their families, and friends. Justice Bridges will lead the attendees with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dennis J. Orsey, President Elect of the Illinois State Bar Association, will make the motion to admit the class. Justice Schostok will second the motion.

Justice Birkett 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.

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 November 7 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,500. In addition to Elgin, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Chicago, Peoria, Springfield and Carbondale.

The Second Judicial District includes the following counties: Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago.

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