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JUSTICE RITA B. GARMAN TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN SPRINGFIELD

Justice Rita B. Garman of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 37 new lawyers on Thursday, November 7, in the Fourth 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 Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the Michael J. Howlett Building Auditorium on Second and Jackson Street in Springfield. Media coverage is invited.

Justice Garman will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families, and friends.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Seventh Judicial Circuit Judge Raylene D. Grischow. Also speaking will be attorney William F. Moran, III, of the Commission on Professionalism, and Rory T. Weiler, 3rd Vice President of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Chief Circuit Judges of the Fourth District in attendance will include: Chief Judge Eric S. Pistorius of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Chief Judge J. Frank McCartney of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and Chief Judge Mark A. Fellheimer of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

Chief Judge Fellheimer will make the motion to admit the class.

Justice Garman will rule on the motion, administer the attorney's oath, and present the law licenses. 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 November 7 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,500. In addition to Springfield, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Chicago, Elgin, Peoria, and Carbondale.
The Fourth Judicial District includes the following counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, McLean, Menard, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermilion and Woodford.

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