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CHIEF JUSTICE MCMORROW TO GIVE JUDICIAL OATH TO ROGER FEIN

Supreme Court of Illinois Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow will give the oath of judicial office to Chicago lawyer Roger G. Fein Friday, January 10. The swearing-in ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, located on the 18th floor at 160 N. LaSalle Street.

Mr. Fein, 62, a practitioner of law for more than 37 years, was named by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill a vacancy in the 12th subcircuit. His appointment to the bench runs through December 6, 2004.

"I'm sure that I will be a good, thoughtful and fair judge," Mr. Fein said. "I certainly pledge to serve with honesty, hard work, integrity, dedication and distinction."

Mr. Fein was rated as "qualified" or "recommended" by 11 bar groups as a candidate for the Illinois Appellate Court. The Chicago Bar Association said in 2002 that Mr. Fein "...is highly regarded for his integrity, knowledge of the law and extensive experience in handling complex matters."

Of counsel to the firm of Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon, Mr. Fein has extensive experience in business and corporate law. Prior to his work at the Wildman firm, where he has been since 1992, Mr. Fein practiced for 24 years at the former firm of Arvey, Hodes, Costello & Burman. From 1965 to 1967, Mr. Fein served as an attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Fein graduated in 1965 from Northwestern University School of Law. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles and his M.B.A. from American University.

Since last year, Mr. Fein sits as a member of the new Illinois Securities Advisory Council. The council advises the Illinois Secretary of State on securities law matters. Before, Mr. Fein served as chairman emeritus of the Illinois Securities Advisory Committee and had served as the committee's chairman for 14 of the prior 20 years he had served on the committee.

He has been married to his wife, Susanne, for more than 37 years. The couple has two adult children.