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NEWS CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL FORUM TO IMPROVE CIVILITY AMONG LAWYERS

WHO: David Rolewick, Wheaton, chairperson of the Special Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism; Terrence Lavin, Chicago, president of the Illinois State Bar Association; and Douglas Gill, president of the Jackson County Bar Association.

WHAT: News conference on efforts to recommend ways to improve civility among lawyers and the public image of lawyers. With the assistance of the Illinois State Bar Association, the Special Supreme Court Committee is holding a series of forums around the state where lawyers and judges will discuss ways to control excesses that sometimes occur during the course of litigation. One of the issues is where and how to draw the line between zealous advocacy on behalf of clients and Rambo-like tactics designed to aggravate or block the opposition. The statewide series of forums was launched Sept. 10 in Peoria.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 8, 2003- 2 p.m.–just prior to the start of the forum.

WHERE: Southern Illinois University School of Law, Lesar Law Building, 1150 Douglas Drive, Carbondale.

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