



Supreme Court of Illinois

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JUSTICE MARY K. O'BRIEN TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN JOLIET

Justice Mary K. O'Brien of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 101 new lawyers on Wednesday, November 6, in the Third Judicial District.

The group is among 1,604 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 Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. at Joliet Junior College Events Center, 1215 Houbolt Rd. in Joliet.

Justice O'Brien will preside over the ceremony, and she will be joined in opening remarks by Third Appellate District Justice Mary W. McDade and 12th Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Daniel Kennedy.

The speaker for the ceremony will be Sonni Choi Williams, President of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include former Supreme Court Justices Thomas L. Kilbride and Robert L. Carter. Third Appellate Court Justices William E. Holdridge, Liam C. Brennan, Joseph P. Hettel, Linda E. Davenport, Adrienne W. Albrecht and Lance R. Peterson will be in attendance, as well as 12th Circuit Judges John Connor and Jessica Colon-Sayre and Associate Judge Sherri Hale. Also attending is 12th Judicial Circuit Clerk Andrea Lynn Chasteen.

Bar association Presidents in attendance will be Karen Mills of the DuPage County Bar Association, Andrea Collins of the DuPage Association of Women Lawyers, Kira Albrecht of the DuPage Justinian Society of Lawyers, Jeffrey Archambeault of the Will County Bar Association, Jeremiah Adams of the LaSalle County Bar Association, Sarah Vahey of the Will County Women's Bar Association, and Melisa Quinones of the Will County Latino Bar Association.

Justice Hettel will make the motion to admit the class. Attorney John A. Darrow will second the motion. They each have a family member who will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony. Brian J. Towne will make the confirmation of certification.

Justice O'Brien 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 6 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 98,000. In addition to Joliet, ceremonies will be held Wednesday in Chicago, Elgin, Springfield, and Carbondale.

The Third Judicial District is composed of seven counties: Bureau, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle and Will.

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