Supreme Court of Illinois

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JUSTICE LISA HOLDER WHITE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN SPRINGFIELD

Justice Lisa Holder White of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 63 new lawyers across two ceremonies on Wednesday, November 4, in the Fourth Judicial District.

The group is among 1,572 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.

Justice Holder White will preside over the ceremonies, and the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) will host a reception following each ceremony.

The first bar admission ceremony in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Supreme Court Building in Springfield.

The keynote speaker for the first ceremony will be Seventh Circuit At-Large Judge Gail L. Noll. Judge Noll's daughter is among those candidates to be sworn in. Also speaking at both ceremonies will be Mark C. Palmer, Chief Counsel of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, and Perry Browder, the President of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Richard G. Larsen, a Partner at Springer Larsen, LLC, will make the motion to admit the class. The motion will be seconded by Seventh Circuit At-Large Judge Adam Giganti. Each of them has a child who will be among the candidates sworn in.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court for the ceremonies will include former Fourth District Appellate Justice M. Carol Pope (ret.), United States District Court Judges the Hon. Colleen Lawless and the Hon. Karen McNaught (ret.), Fourth District Appellate Court Justices Peter Cavanagh and Raylene Grischow, and Kelli Gordon, President of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar.

The second bar admission ceremony in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Supreme Court Building in Springfield.

The keynote speaker for the second ceremony will be United States District Court Judge Sara L. Darrow.

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court Chief Judge Clarence M. Darrow, husband to Judge Sara Darrow and father to one of the candidates being sworn in, will make the motion to admit the class. The motion will be seconded by attorney David J. Robinson.

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.

In addition to Springfield, ceremonies will be held Wednesday in Chicago, Elgin, Joliet, Carbondale, and Champaign.

The Fourth Judicial District is composed of 41 counties: Adams, Boone, Brown, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jersey, Jo Daviess, Knox, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Morgan, Ogle, Peoria, Pike, Putnam, Rock Island, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, Winnebago, and Woodford.

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