



Supreme Court of Illinois

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

Justice Mary K. O'Brien of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 23 new lawyers on Wednesday, May 8, in the Third Judicial District.

The group is among 300 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 Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. at the Third District Appellate Courthouse at 1004 Columbus Street in Ottawa.

Justice O'Brien will preside over the ceremony, and she will be joined in welcoming remarks by Third District Appellate Court Presiding Justice Mary W. McDade.

The speaker for the ceremony will be Bridget C. Duignan, Second Vice President, Illinois State Bar Association.

Guests 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, Lance R. Peterson, Linda E. Davenport, and Adrienne W. Albrecht will be in attendance. Third District Appellate Court Clerk Zachary A. Hooper, who will make the call to order, and Research Director Hailey Rehberg-Witt will also be in attendance.

Bar association representatives will be Jeremiah Adams of the LaSalle County Bar Association, Jaya Varghese of the Will County Bar Association, and Richard Veenstra of the DuPage County Bar Association.

Michael B. Lulay, whose son is taking the attorney's oath, will make the motion to admit the class. Jaya Varghese, President of the Will County Bar Association, will second the motion.

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 May 8 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 97,000. In addition to Ottawa, ceremonies will be held Wednesday in Chicago, Elgin, Springfield, and Mt. Vernon.

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

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