



Supreme Court of Illinois

May 2, 2025

JUSTICE DAVID OVERSTREET TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN MT. VERNON

Justice David K. Overstreet of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 11 new lawyers on Wednesday, May 7, in the Fifth Judicial District.

The group is among 282 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 Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. at the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts located at 2600 Richview Road in Mt. Vernon.

Justice Overstreet will preside over the ceremony. Suzanne Schmitz, President of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, and Perry Browder, Second Vice President of the Illinois State Bar Association, will serve as speakers.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include Fifth District Appellate Court Justice James R. Moore, Sixth Judicial Circuit Judge Dana C. Rhoades, Second Judicial Circuit Associate Judge Lindsey D. Waldrop, and Fourth Judicial Circuit Judge Wesley A. Gozia.

Justice Overstreet 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.

In addition to Mt. Vernon, ceremonies will be held Wednesday in Chicago, Elgin, Ottawa, and Springfield.

The Fifth Judicial District is composed of 48 counties: Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

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