



Supreme Court of Illinois

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JUSTICE DAVID OVERSTREET TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN CARBONDALE

Justice David K. Overstreet of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 54 new lawyers on Wednesday, November 6, in the Fifth Judicial District.

The group is among 1,604 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 Southern Illinois University School of Law Auditorium in Carbondale.

Justice Overstreet will preside over the ceremony.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include the Hon. Stephen P. McGlynn, United States District Judge for Southern District of Illinois, 6th Judicial Circuit Judge Benjamin W. Dyer, 2nd Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Melissa Morgan, 1st Judicial Circuit Judge Christy Solverson, 3rd Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Stephen A. Stobbs, Acting Dean of SIU Simmons Law School Angela Upchurch, Suzanne Schmitz of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, and Secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association Wesley A. Gozia.

The Hon. Sam Limentato, a former judge and current practicing attorney, will make the motion to admit the class. Attorney Maureen McGlynn will second the motion. They each have a son who will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony.

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.

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 Carbondale, ceremonies will be held Wednesday in Chicago, Elgin, Joliet, 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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