



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT TO SWEAR-IN 300 NEW ATTORNEYS AT BAR ADMISSION CEREMONIES ACROSS THE STATE

The bar admission ceremonies for the new attorneys who passed the February 2024 Bar Exam will be held on Wednesday, May 8, in all five judicial districts of Illinois.

The First Judicial District ceremony sessions will be held in Chicago at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Harris Theater with Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis, Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr. and Justice Joy V. Cunningham swearing-in candidates.

The Second Judicial District ceremony will be held in Elgin at 10 a.m. with Justice Elizabeth M. Rochford swearing-in candidates.

The Third Judicial District ceremony will be held in Ottawa at 11 a.m., with Justice Mary K. O'Brien swearing-in candidates.

The Fourth Judicial District ceremony will be held in Springfield at 11 a.m., with Justice Lisa Holder White swearing-in candidates.

The Fifth Judicial District ceremony will be held in Mt. Vernon at 10 a.m. with Justice David K. Overstreet swearing-in candidates.

Additional ceremony information can be found [here](#).

“On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to congratulate the new admittees on passing the bar exam and becoming attorneys,” Chief Justice Theis said. “We welcome you to the legal profession and urge you to remember the oath you will be taking to support the Illinois and U.S. Constitutions and uphold the rule of law.”

All of the candidates set to be sworn in have passed a bar examination and a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

The number of admittees for each district is as follows:

- First District: 236
- Second District: 13

- Third District: 23
- Fourth District: 9
- Fifth District: 19

The new attorneys sworn in at the bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 97,000.

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