Supreme Court of Illinois

November 2, 2026

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

The bar admission ceremonies for the 1,572 new attorneys who passed the July 2026 Bar Exam will be held on Wednesday, November 4, in all five judicial districts of Illinois.

The First Judicial District ceremonies will be held in Chicago at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with Supreme Court Chief Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr., Justice Joy V. Cunningham, and Justice Sanjay T. Tailor swearing in candidates.

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

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

The Fourth Judicial District ceremonies will be held in Springfield at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with Justice Lisa Holder White swearing in candidates.

The Fifth Judicial District ceremonies will be held in Carbondale at 9 a.m. and in Champaign at 3 p.m. with Justice David K. Overstreet swearing in candidates.

Additional ceremony information can be found here.

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: 1,274
- Second District: 81
- Third District: 94
- Fourth District: 63
- Fifth District: 60

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