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CHIEF JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN CARBONDALE

Chief Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 46 new lawyers on Thursday, November 8, in the Fifth Judicial District.

The group is among 1,283 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 Auditorium of the Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale. Media coverage is invited.

Chief Justice Karmeier will preside over the ceremony.

Cindy Buys, the Interim Dean of the Southern Illinois University School of Law, will make the opening remarks.

The speakers for the ceremony will include SIU Professor Suzanne Schmitz, who is a member of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, and attorney Perry Browder, who is on the Board of Governors for the Illinois State Bar Association.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include: Associate Judge Amanda Ade-Harlow of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Associate Judge Jerry Crisel of the Second Judicial Circuit, Judge Michael Molt of the Second Judicial Circuit, and Judge Bradley Paisley of the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Retired Judge James Hackett will make the motion to admit the class. Attorney John Kurowski and retired Judge James Radcliff will speak in support of the motion. Mr. Kurowski has a daughter who will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony while Judge Hackett and Judge Radcliff each have a son who will be taking the attorney's oath.

Chief Justice Karmeier will rule on the motion and administer the oath. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association will follow.

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 8 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 Thursday in Chicago, Elgin, Joliet and Springfield.


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