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## **24 CHICAGO LAWYERS ADMITTED TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT BAR** Oath Administered by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.

CHICAGO (February 22, 2010)—In two rare “en banc” swearing-in ceremonies on January 19 and 20, 2010, 24 Chicago Bar Association (CBA) members were admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. The induction ceremonies were conducted in open court by all nine Supreme Court Justices. This type of swearing-in is a coveted honor afforded to less than 1% of all the attorneys admitted annually to the Bar.

As members of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, these attorneys enjoy privileges granted by the Court including the ability to bring motions before the U.S. Supreme Court and to argue cases. To qualify for admission to the Bar of the U. S. Supreme Court, candidates must be admitted to practice in the highest court of a state, commonwealth, territory, possession, or the District of Columbia for at least three years immediately before the date of the application. Applicants must not have been the subject of any adverse disciplinary action during that time and must appear to the Court to be of good moral and professional character. Each applicant must have a signed recommendation by two members of the Bar of the Supreme Court who are personally acquainted with the candidates, but are not relatives.

The motions for their admission to the Bar was made by CBA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Terri L. Mascherin, a partner at Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, and granted by U.S. Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. Before the ceremony, the attorneys were escorted by United States Marshals to a private reception held in a secured area of the Court used by the Justices, and met with the Clerk of the Court, General William Suter.

The newly inducted attorneys are: Bamidele O. Adelayo, Adelayo Law Group, Joliet; Matthew C. Arnoux, Nadler Pritkin & Mirabelli LLC; Bruce Baker, Baker & McKenzie LLP; **Dawn M. Best** ; Marcia L. Blumenthal, Winetka; **Britta J. Bolin**; Barbara A. Burns, Chicago; Thomas J. Canna, Canna & Canna Ltd.; Edward J. Copeland, Schuyler Roche & Crisham PC ; Raymond C. Cyrus, Administrative Law Judge, Illinois Department of Labor; Eric S. Freibrun, Law Offices of Eric S. Freibrun Ltd.; Philip J. Greenblatt, Anti-Trust Division U.S. Department of Justice; **Fran Lewis**; Steven Medvin, Law Offices of Steven Medvin, Des Plaines; Farah C. Muscadin, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago; Danielle A. Pedderson, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration; Kimberly Powers, Brookfield, Wis.; Eleanor K. Roemer, General Counsel, Friends of the Parks; Joanne Marie (Jody) Rogers, Neilsen Sehe & Antas P.C.; William H. Rosen, Rosen Law Firm; Rachel N. Sostrin, Law Offices of Sostrin & Sostrin PC; Daniel J. Spilotro, Teller Levit & Silvertrust PC; and Rosemary S. Thompson.

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