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Supreme Court Accepts ACJC Recommendation of Censure for Middlesex Vicinage Assignment Judge Alberto Rivas

The Supreme Court announced today it has accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct to **censure** Middlesex Vicinage Assignment Judge Alberto Rivas for conduct in violation of judicial canons.

Rivas has offered to step down as assignment judge. He will serve as a judge in the civil division.

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner has appointed Superior Court Judge Michael Toto, criminal presiding judge in the Middlesex Vicinage, to serve as assignment judge, effective immediately.

Toto, 62, has served as a Superior Court judge in Middlesex County for 14 years. He was named presiding judge of the criminal division in 2017 and also served in the civil and family divisions. Prior to that, Toto served as a municipal judge for 17 years. He was the presiding judge of the Jamesburg Municipal Court and also served in the East Brunswick and Manalapan courts.

Toto is a graduate of Rutgers University Law School.

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