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### **Justice Anne Patterson to Preside Over Burlington Vicinage Naturalization Ceremony**

New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice Anne M. Patterson will preside over a naturalization ceremony and administer the Oath of Citizenship to 25 foreign-born residents of Burlington County as part of the Burlington Vicinage's Constitution Week celebration, Burlington County Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder announced.

The naturalization ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. in the historic Olde Courthouse, 120 High St. Mount Holly. The applicants for citizenship come from 19 countries.

"We are pleased to have Justice Patterson join us to celebrate this important event," Bookbinder said.

This year marks the 226<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia. In conjunction with Constitution Day, the Court is celebrating Juror Appreciation Week. Judge Bookbinder will launch the week's activities by signing a proclamation designating Constitution and Citizenship Day and Constitution and Juror Appreciation Week 2013.

The candidates for citizenship include an active duty Marine and a member of the U.S Coast Guard, a family of three, a 42-year legal resident, a recent graduate of Rancocas Valley Regional High School and a court volunteer.

The Pemberton Township High School JROTC will open the ceremony by presenting the colors, a Rancocas Valley Regional High School student will sing, and the Eastampton Community School sixth grade will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and recite the Preamble to the Constitution. Remarks will be delivered by Justice Patterson, Andrea Jackson, a member of the Willingboro Chapter of the New Jersey Orators, and immigration attorney Shereen Chen.

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