

## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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## Cape May County Hosts Naturalization Ceremony as part of Law Day Events

In celebration of Law Day, the Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage will host a naturalization ceremony on Thursday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the William E. Sturm, Jr. Administration Building, Crest Haven Complex, 4 Moore Rd., Cape May Court House.

Assignment Judge Julio L. Mendez will preside over the ceremony and administer the Oath of Citizenship. Nieves Cardinale, field office director for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will present a motion for the new citizens to Judge Mendez prior to the oath. This is the first naturalization ceremony hosted in Cape May County.

"I am honored to officiate this naturalization ceremony. We welcome the new citizens and congratulate them and their families," said Judge Mendez. The naturalization ceremony was organized by the Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security.

Other Law Day events include a ceremony honoring the mock trial team from Middle Township High School, winners of the county mock trial competition, on Friday, May 2 at the Cape May County Courthouse, 9 N. Main St., Cape May Court House. Following the ceremony, mock trial team members will share their experience with younger students. There will be an information fair in the lobby of the courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon staffed by attorneys, Cape May County agencies, CASA of Atlantic and Cape May Counties, the Cape May County Sheriff's Department and court staff.

Many activities included in the ongoing One Judge-One School program also focused on the 2014 Law Day theme, "American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters." The program matches a Superior Court judge and a representative from the county bar association with each school.

Law Day was established in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as an opportunity to celebrate our nation's great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law.

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