## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY PASSAIC VICINAGE

CHAMBERS OF DONALD J. VOLKERT, JR. ASSIGNMENT JUDGE



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## U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Julio M. Fuentes to Preside Over Naturalization Ceremony During Passaic Vicinage Law Day Celebration

Judge Julio M. Fuentes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit will administer the oath of citizenship at the Passaic Vicinage Law Day celebration on Friday, May 2, at 10 a.m. in the Freeholders Meeting Room at the County Administrator Building, 401 Grand St., Paterson.

Passaic Vicinage Assignment Judge Donald J. Volkert Jr. said, "Law Day provides us with an opportunity to teach the importance of American Democracy and the Rule of Law, and in particular, this year's theme, Why Every Vote Matters. Law Day illustrates how we strengthen our country's heritage of liberty and justice by promoting a knowledge of and appreciation for the law. A naturalization ceremony is particularly appropriate on Law Day, as it provides us with an opportunity to be mindful of our heritage and thankful to be citizens of this great nation."

Law Day activities in Passaic began with poem, poster and video contests for middle school and high school students. All schools represented in the contest also were invited to participate in the Law Day mock trial contest. Winning entries were submitted by students from St. Anthony's School, St. Mary's School, St. Gerard Majella School, Manchester Regional High School, and Passaic County Technical School. The winners will receive their awards at the Law Day celebration on May 2.

Passaic Valley High School and Passaic County Technical School were invited back on May 2 for the final competition. The winner of the mock trial will be announced during the pizza luncheon when all the students are recognized for their contributions to this year's program.

A panel discussion will be held on May 5 at 7 p.m. at Women in Transition, 475 Valley Rd, Wayne. Titled "Domestic Violence: Know Your Rights," the program will include attorneys who specialize in domestic violence.

The Law Day program is sponsored by the Passaic Vicinage Law Day Committee. This committee is a collaboration between the Passaic Vicinage, the Passaic County Bar Association, the Passaic Vicinage Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns, and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office.