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**Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage Program Wins Regional Court Management Award**

The One Judge-One School Program, an outreach initiative developed by the Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage, has received the John Neufeld Award from the Mid-Atlantic Association of Court Managers (MAACM) at this year's annual conference.

"The One Judge-One School program has grown in the past three years to be one of the finest outreach programs that the vicinage has initiated. I am proud that our vicinage has the great honor of receiving the John Neufeld Award given by MAACM," said Assignment Judge Julio L. Mendez.

The award recognizes those who have developed a significant or unique educational program or court management system in the Mid-Atlantic region during the past three years.

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage matches 26 high schools in Atlantic and Cape May counties with a Superior Court judge and a representative from the bar associations in both counties. Superior Court Judge Mark Sandson will coordinate the program, which will continue until June 2015.

The judges will incorporate the 2015 Law Day theme, "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law," into their presentations with the schools. They will work with the schools to provide programs that complement the curriculum, such as class visits, assemblies, or mentoring. The judges, representatives of the bar and other court staff will visit the schools at least twice in the spring, and students will be invited to local courthouses to tour the facilities, meet court personnel, and observe court proceedings.

Judge Mark Sandson said, "By giving our young people first hand familiarity with what we do, we think we can give them an ownership of what we do. It is their community. We urge the widest possible participation for the students, who will find what goes on daily in a courthouse thought-provoking, interesting, and possibly even inspirational."

"This program has been very rewarding for our vicinage judges and staff. The bar associations from both counties have shared in the success as well. The high school students and school

administrations have embraced the program and have shown our judges and staff great respect and hospitality. We are looking forward to another successful, productive term with the schools,” said Trial Court Administrator Howard H. Berchtold Jr.

The John Neufeld award is presented annually. Neufeld served as the chief of education and training for the New Jersey Judiciary for 15 years and as the education program coordinator for MAACM from 1996 to 1999. He died in 1999.

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