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Middlesex Vicinage to Unveil Courthouse Art Exhibit

The Middlesex Vicinage will hold a reception on Friday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. to unveil its latest courthouse art exhibit, a permanent display that highlights the organization of the New Jersey state court system and the importance of an independent Judiciary.

The second floor exhibit, titled “The Judicial Landscape in New Jersey,” balances artistic renderings of Lady Justice and various courthouse scenes with information on some of the basic tenets that foster an independent Judiciary.

The project was funded by the Middlesex County Bar Foundation.

Retired Appellate Division Judge Amy Piro Chambers wrote the script for the exhibit and worked closely with the creative director, Isabella Duicu Palowitch, and the artist, Alessia Lorea Arregui, both of Artisa LLC in Princeton.

“We wanted the public to have a better idea of who we are and the importance of judicial independence,” Judge Chambers said, adding that the exhibit’s nature scenes leave viewers with the understanding that “the law is a part of life and it influences what happens in the outside world.”

Since 2005, a dozen displays relating to the law and Middlesex County have been added to the walls of the county courthouse and the family courthouse.

“Recognizing that court users often have downtime, we sought to enhance the courthouse halls by providing an aesthetically pleasing, law-related, educational diversion,” said Family Division Presiding Judge Deborah J. Venezia, who chairs the courthouse’s Art Advisory Committee.

Previous projects include an exhibit that highlighted the original site of the courthouse during colonial times, a children’s art display, and educational exhibits dedicated to criminal law and chancery law. All of the displays were funded through grants. The Middlesex County Courthouse is located at 56 Paterson St. in New Brunswick.