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Essex Vicinage to Host Criminal Justice Community Forum

The Essex Vicinage will host a criminal justice community forum on Friday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. in the 14th floor conference room of the Leroy Smith Public Safety Building, 60 Nelson Place, Newark.

Assignment Judge Sallyanne Floria and Criminal Presiding Judge Ronald Wigler will welcome leaders of local community organizations and clergy.

The event aims to inform community leaders of upcoming reforms, that go into effect on Jan. 1, which will transform New Jersey's justice system from one that relies principally on monetary bail as a condition of pre-trial release to a risk-based system that bases pre-trial release decisions on an examination of objective factors. The new system will allow for defendants who present a risk of violence to be held without bail while low-risk defendants will be released under appropriate levels of monitoring and supervision to await trial. The new law also sets deadlines for the filing of indictments and the disposition of criminal charges for incarcerated defendants.

Trial Court Administrator Amy DePaul will provide an overview of the bail reform and speedy trial laws and Pre-trial Services Manager Colin Lochner will address how the reforms will impact our current system. Representatives from the Public Defender's Office and the Prosecutor's Office will also deliver remarks.

Note: This event is by invitation only but open to the press. Reporters interested in covering the seminar should contact Sabrina Habibulla at 973-776-9300, Ext. 55701.

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