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## Monmouth Vicinage to Host Naturalization Ceremony, Court and Community Night Program

The Monmouth Vicinage will host a naturalization ceremony for 28 new citizens from 20 countries on Tuesday, May 9 at 4 p.m. at Monmouth County Superior Court, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton will administer the Oath of Allegiance. Remarks will be offered by Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. and Atlantic/Cape May Assignment Judge Julio Mendez.

The naturalization ceremony is conducted by the vicinage along with Monmouth County government and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

After the ceremony, the vicinage will host a Court and Community Night program from 5 to 7 p.m. Court personnel, attorneys and county representatives will conduct information workshops and court staff will be available to answer questions about available services.

The first session will be held from 5:15 – 6 p.m. and will cover two topics concurrently. One session will examine the impact of the new Criminal Justice Reform law. The other will examine the role of the Surrogate's Office and the importance of having a will.

The second session will run from 6:15 to 7 p.m. One session will cover record expungement and the types of offenses that can be removed from a criminal record. The other session will examine the impact of the new child support termination law.

During the sessions, court representatives and attorneys will be available to answer general questions from the public. Personal cases will not be discussed or resolved.

The events are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. To reserve a space, contact monreserve.mailbox@njcourts.gov or 732-677-4595. When registering by e-mail, participants should provide their name, phone number and the session(s) they are interested in attending and indicate if an interpreter is needed.

The Court and Community Night program is sponsored by the vicinage's Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns, with participation from the Monmouth Bar Association and Legal Aid Society, the Office of the Monmouth County Prosecutor, the Office of the Monmouth County Surrogate, the Monmouth County Office of the Public Defender and South Jersey Legal Services.