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Justice Barry T. Albin to Administer Oath of Citizenship at Passaic Vicinage Law Day Celebration

New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice Barry T. Albin will administer the Oath of Citizenship to 24 new citizens from 13 countries during the Passaic Vicinage Law Day celebration on Friday, May 12.

The event will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the William J. Bate Memorial Court House Plaza, 71 Hamilton St., Paterson. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the Freeholders Meeting Room, 401 Grand St., second floor, Paterson.

Other speakers for the ceremony include Assignment Judge Ernest M. Caposela, Nancy D. Everett, Constituent Services to U.S. Rep. William J. Pascrell Jr., and Passaic County Bar Association President Henry C. Walentowicz.

The 2017 Law Day theme, “The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy,” highlights the importance of citizenship, due process and equal protection to all persons born or naturalized in the United States.

Vicinage Law Day activities began in January with a poem, poster and video contest for middle and high school students. Students who submitted winning entries are invited back for the Law Day celebration.

The day’s events will also include a competition between the two mock trial finalists, Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne and Clifton High School in Clifton. The winner will be given the Amos C. Saunders Trophy during a pizza luncheon, when all students will be recognized for their contributions to this year’s program.

On Wednesday May 24, the Law Day Committee and the bar association will host a community outreach program, “Mental Health and the Law,” from 12:30 to 2:30p.m. in the Freeholders Meeting Room. Mental health professionals will present a panel discussion on mental health and legal issues inside and outside the courtroom.

The Law Day Program is sponsored by the vicinage's Law Day Committee, which includes staff from the vicinage, the bar association, the Passaic Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office.

Law Day is a national event established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 as a "day of national dedication to the principals of government under law."

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