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Camden Vicinage Celebrates Black History Month

The Camden Vicinage will celebrate Black History Month on Wednesday, Feb. 21 with a discussion featuring a panel of distinguished African-American judges and attorneys.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Courtroom 63 at the Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5th St., Camden.

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz will deliver opening remarks. Presiding Family Division Judge Charles W. Dortch Jr. and Superior Court Judge Morris G. Smith will host the discussion. Panelists will include retired Superior Court Judge Marie White Bell and attorney Raymond M. Brown.

“Black History Month is an opportunity to renew our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in the New Jersey courts and the legal community, and I encourage everyone to attend this important event,” Judge Silverman Katz said.

Judge White Bell was the first African-American Municipal Court judge and the first female African-American Superior Court judge in Burlington County. She retired in 2006 after serving as a Superior Court judge since 1997. She sat as a recall judge from 2008 to 2018.

Brown is a partner in the litigation department of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis in Woodbridge. He has extensive experience as a trial lawyer and has handled a variety of criminal and civil matters representing individuals, corporations and government entities.

The program is free and open to the public.

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