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Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage Celebrates Black History Month

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage and the Atlantic County Bar Association will celebrate Black History Month on Thursday, Feb. 22 by honoring the late James "Art" and Dorothie Dorrington.

The event will be held at 3 p.m. in Courtroom 3A at the Atlantic County Civil Courts Building, 1201 Bacharach Blvd., Atlantic City.

Married for 54 years, the Dorringtons were legendary community leaders in Atlantic County.

Art Dorrington was the first African-American professional ice hockey player. After retiring from the sport, he served as an Atlantic County sheriff's officer assigned to the Civil Courts Building. He remained active in youth sports his entire life.

Dorothie Dorrington had a 50-year career in teaching, leading countless educational and community initiatives. She also served on the Atlantic City Board of Education. She founded 101 Women Plus, a local civic group promoting community leadership.

"The Judiciary is proud and honored to recognize the lives and contributions to the community of Art and Dorothie Dorrington as part of Black History Month," Assignment Judge Julio L. Mendez said.

Superior Court Judge Susan Maven will lead the ceremony.

The program is free and open to the public.