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## **Camden Drug Court to Celebrate Graduation**

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz announced today that the Camden Vicinage will celebrate an anticipated 42 graduates from its drug court program on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 63 at the Camden County Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Camden. The ceremony will formally acknowledge the candidates' successful completion of the program's requirements.

Judge Silverman Katz will provide opening remarks. Criminal Division Presiding Judge Edward J. McBride and drug court Judge Kathleen M. Delaney will preside over the ceremony. Speakers will include Camden County Assistant Deputy Prosecutor Greg Audino and Assistant Deputy Public Defender Louis J. Presenza Jr. Camden County drug court graduate Ike S. will give keynote speech.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address nonviolent drug addicted offenders. The program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and recovery. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process, but also allows the team to react swiftly to impose appropriate therapeutic interventions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply with the program.

The vicinage's drug court program, which began in 1996, has more than 700 participants and 531 graduates.

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