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Middlesex Vicinage Celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the Middlesex Vicinage will host a program, “Asian Americans in the Law, Politics, and the Arts,” on Wednesday, May 22 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 201 on the second floor of the Middlesex County Courthouse, 56 Paterson St., New Brunswick.

The program will feature guest speaker Sadaf Jaffer, a scholar, activist, author, and mayor of Montgomery Township, Somerset County. Jaffer, who took office in January, is the first woman of South Asian descent to serve as a mayor in New Jersey.

Jaffer received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in Near Eastern languages and civilizations with a secondary field of women, gender, and sexuality. She also is a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University in South Asian studies, Islamic, and Asian-American studies. Jaffer sits on several boards of organizations focused on women’s economic empowerment, civic engagement among South Asian American Women in New Jersey, and human rights education.

Assignment Judge Alberto Rivas and Trial Court Administrator Dawn Brevard-Waters will give opening remarks. After the program, a lunch buffet will be served courtesy of the Indian Business Association.

This event is co-sponsored by the Middlesex Vicinage Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns and the public policy & advocacy group of the Indian Business Association.

This program is free and open to the public, but due to limited seating, advance registration is required. To register, contact EEO/AA Officer Kyle Francis at 732-645-4300, ext. 88838 or kyle.francis@njcourts.gov.

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