

News Release



New Jersey Courts

Independence • Integrity • Fairness • Quality Service

GLENN A. GRANT, J.A.D.

Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

For more information contact:

PETER McALEER

MARYANN SPOTO

Office of Communications and Community Relations

609-815-2910

www.njcourts.gov

RICHARD J. HUGHES JUSTICE COMPLEX • P.O. BOX 037 • TRENTON, NJ 08625-0984

For additional information contact:
Natonya C. Phillips, Trial Court Administrator's Office
609-288-9500, ext. 38124

For immediate release:
Sept. 12, 2019

Burlington Vicinage to Hold Naturalization Ceremony

Supreme Court Justice Faustino J. Fernandez-Vina will preside over a naturalization ceremony with Assignment Judge Jeanne T. Covert for 20 Burlington County residents at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19 in the Historic Courthouse, 120 High St., Mount Holly.

The celebration is part of the Burlington Vicinage's celebration of Constitution Week.

"We are honored to have Justice Fernandez-Vina join us to celebrate this event and proud to bring to our newest 'fellow Americans' the benefits and honor of American citizenship," Judge Covert said.

The Pemberton Township High School JROTC will open the ceremony by presenting the colors for a flag salute. Students from Sacred Heart Elementary School in Mount Holly will recite the preamble to the Constitution.

Before the Oath of Allegiance is administered, Keith Dorr, supervisory immigration services officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will present the applicants, who come from 14 countries.

Remarks will be delivered by Justice Fernandez-Vina as well as by Ya-Mei Chen, Mount Laurel field office director for the Department of Homeland Security, and Pamela Mulligan, president of the Burlington County Bar Association.

Superior Court Judge Gerard Breland will close the ceremony by singing *America the Beautiful* and Judge Covert will read a proclamation declaring Constitution and Citizenship Day. This year marks the 232nd anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787.

At the end of the ceremony, members of the Moorestown Chapter of the League of Women Voters will be present to register the new citizens to vote.

###