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

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz announced today that in honor of the National Drug Court Month, the Camden Vicinage will celebrate a virtual graduation for 26 participants.

The virtual graduation sessions will take place on Tuesday, May 26, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Superior Court Judge Kathleen M. Delaney will preside over the ceremony. The graduation speakers include Camden County Assistant Prosecutor Greg Audino, and New Jersey Assistant Deputy Public Defenders Katina Chase and Lou Presenza.

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 drug court program in the Camden Vicinage, which began in 1996, has 700 participants and 735 graduates.

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