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Burlington Vicinage to Hold Virtual Opening of the Courts Ceremony and Memorial Service

The Burlington Vicinage, in partnership with the Burlington County Bar Association, will hold its annual Opening of Courts Ceremony and Memorial Service on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. virtually via Zoom.

Assignment Judge Jeanne T. Covert will preside over the Opening of Courts ceremony and Reema Y. Scaramella, president of the bar association, will speak and preside over the memorial service. Rocco Minervino, a member of the bar, will read *The Lawyer's Prayer*, and Superior Court Judge Gerard H. Breland will sing, "*To Where You Are*" in honor of the deceased.

This year, the vicinage and bar will memorialize four late members of the bar: Peter C. Gallagher, Gary Piserchia, Alfred (Fred) Powell, and John (Jack) Yetman Jr. The ceremony also will include a remembrance of former Workers' Compensation Judge Michael P. Mullen and late bar member Anthony Marcozzi Jr.

In 1972, then-Assignment Judge Edward V. Martino began the new court year with the first Opening of Courts ceremony in the Burlington Vicinage. In recent years, the ceremony has become a tradition.

The ceremony can be accessed [here](#).

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