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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 Monday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. virtually via Zoom.

Assignment Judge Jeanne T. Covert will preside over the Opening of Courts ceremony and Brett Gorman, 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 "*Inscription of Hope*" in honor of the deceased.

This year, the vicinage and bar will memorialize eight late members of the bar: D. Neil Manuel, Daniel Kehler, David Parker, Donald Levenson, Edward Kirn III, John "Jack" F. Vassallo Jr., Kenneth G. Andres, and William M.E. Powers.

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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