

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

For additional information contact: Gurpreet M. Singh, Trial Court Administrator, Monmouth 732-358-8700, ext. 87025 Devang Merchant, Trial Court Administrator, Union 908-787-1650, ext. 21050 For immediate release: Oct. 22, 2021

Monmouth and Union Vicinages Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month

The Monmouth and Union vicinages will host a virtual program to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from noon to 1 p.m. This year's theme is "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope."

Monmouth Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton will lead a conversation with two Hispanic legal trailblazers: Union Assignment Judge Lisa Miralles Walsh and Superior Court Judge Lourdes Lucas.

Recently appointed to lead the Union Vicinage, Judge Walsh is the first female Hispanic assignment judge. Judge Lucas is the first Hispanic judge appointed in the Monmouth Vicinage and is chair of the vicinage's EEO/AA Advisory Committee. The judges will discuss their careers, challenges they faced, hopes for the future, and what their Hispanic heritage has meant to them.

"The Judiciary honors the rich history and significant contributions of Hispanics to our nation and the legal field. I am pleased that we will come together to gain inspiration and hope from the stories of accomplishments and obstacles faced by our distinguished speakers," Judge Thornton said.

The event is sponsored by the Monmouth and Union vicinages in collaboration with their respective EEO/AA Advisory Committees and Committees on Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement.

This program is free and open to the public. Register here to attend the event.

For more information, contact the Monmouth Vicinage's EEO/AA Office at 732-358-8700, ext. 87682 or the Union Vicinage's EEO/AA Office at 908-787-1650, ext. 21025.