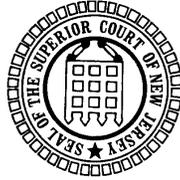


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New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Roberto A. Rivera-Soto to Speak at Bergen County Law Day Program

Supreme Court Associate Justice Roberto A. Rivera-Soto will give the keynote address at the Bergen County Law Day ceremony on Monday, May 3 at 3 p.m. at the Bergen County Justice Center, 10 Main St., Hackensack, Bergen Vicinage Assignment Judge Peter E. Doyne, announced today.

Judge Doyne said, "Law Day is an annual tradition in Bergen Vicinage. It is a terrific opportunity for judges, staff, attorneys and other members of the legal system to celebrate the rule of law by building understanding of and respect for the legal system among the public, especially our youth."

Judge Doyne will welcome guests to the ceremony and preside over a naturalization ceremony for new citizens. The program will include remarks by Superior Court Judge Joseph S. Conte, chair of the vicinage Law Day committee, as well as Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney and Bergen County Bar President Steven R. Klein.

Bergen Vicinage Minority Concerns Committee Chair Betty Williams and Vice Chair Judge Lisa Perez-Friscia will present awards to the winners of the Bergen Vicinage Law Day essay contest and poster contest. Essay contest winner Elinor Cohen from River Dell Regional High School in River Edge will read her winning essay. Bergen County Clerk Kathleen Donovan will announce the winners of the "My County" poster contest. Attorney Nicole A. Gerritzen will give the Mock Trial Competition Award to Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell. The Ridgefield Park High School Chorus will perform.

Before the ceremony, students from several Bergen County schools will enjoy educational programming provided by court staff and the Bergen County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit.

Law Day was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958. The Law Day theme for this year is "Law in the 21st Century – Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges."

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