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## **Burlington Vicinage to Hold 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 Court Ceremony and Memorial Service on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. in the Olde Courthouse, 120 High St., Mount Holly.

Civil Presiding Judge John E. Harrington will preside over the ceremony and Jennifer Stonerod, president of the Burlington County Bar Association, will offer remarks and preside over the memorial service. John A. Sweeney, former Burlington County assignment judge, will read *The Lawyer's Prayer*, and Judge Gerard Breland will sing "You Raise Me Up" in honor of the deceased. Those who will be memorialized include John L. Laskey, James Logan Jr. and Kenneth E. Smith.

The vicinage's first Opening of Court ceremony was held in 1972, when then-Assignment Judge Edward V. Martino started the new court year with an official ceremony. In recent years, the ceremony has become a tradition in Burlington County.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

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