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Burlington Vicinage to Hold Virtual Drug Court Graduation

The Burlington Vicinage will hold a virtual drug court graduation ceremony Friday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Assignment Judge Jeanne T. Covert will deliver remarks to 11 drug court graduates and their guests. Superior Court Judge Mark P. Tarantino, who leads the vicinage's drug court team, will preside.

The daily operations of the drug court program have adjusted to the changes prompted by the Covid-19 health crisis. Despite the challenges, many drug court participants have demonstrated their ability to adapt and overcome while maintaining focus on their recovery. The ceremony will recognize the graduates' successful completion of the program.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court as a recovery program for nonviolent, drug-addicted offenders. The program requires completion of four phases of intensive supervision which includes undergoing drug and alcohol treatment and recovery. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process as participants gradually increase their levels of independence but also allows judges to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

For more information about the vicinage's drug court program or the commencement ceremony, contact vicinage Drug Court Coordinator Aubrey Gallagher at 609-288-9500, ext. 38678.

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