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Ocean Vicinage to Graduate 39 Drug Court Participants

The Ocean Vicinage will celebrate the successes of 39 drug court participants at graduation ceremonies on Friday, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

Superior Court Judge Steven F. Nemeth will preside.

The graduates have met all the requirements of the program and have successfully completed the terms of their probation supervision.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address non-violent offenders with substance abuse issues. The program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and probation supervision. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process but also allows the drug court team to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

The vicinage's drug court program serves approximately 295 participants. The program has graduated 691 participants since its inception in 2002. The ceremonies are the vicinage's fourth virtual graduation celebrations in the past 18 months, with 100 participants completing the program during that time.

The ceremony will be livestreamed to the public on New Jersey Courts channels under Ocean at njcourts.gov.

For more event information, contact vicinage Drug Court Coordinator Carole Haines at 732-504-0700, ext. 64242.

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