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Passaic Vicinage Sponsors Expungement Seminar

The Passaic Vicinage Public Seminar and Workshop Initiative, in conjunction with the Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns, will hold an expungement seminar on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Cannan Baptist Church, 535 East 22nd St., Paterson. The seminar will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Topics will include who is eligible for expungement, the types of records that can be expunged, the time requirements for an expungement, how an expungement is filed and what happens at the expungement hearing. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about the expungement process.

Superior Court Judge Miguel dela Carrera, chair of the advisory committee, said, "This seminar is part of our on-going effort to provide educational and informative seminars for the public and self-represented litigants."

A record of an arrest or conviction often is revealed when a person applies for a job, school or military service. The purpose of New Jersey's expungement law is to give a person who has either one or few convictions a "fresh start." The law also provides for the removal of records of arrests where the arrest did not end in a conviction.

The seminar is being held to answer many of the questions that the public has about expungements. William Marotta, who is member of the Passaic County Bar Association and a Judiciary staff member, will conduct the seminar.

This is a free seminar and registration is not required.

The Passaic Vicinage offers a number of workshops and seminars to help court users learn about court programs and services. Other seminars have covered topics such as foreclosure mediation, child support, divorce procedures and landlord/tenant matters.

For additional information about upcoming seminars, check the Judiciary website at njcourts.com.

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