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Burlington Vicinage to Hold Hybrid 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 Courts Ceremony and Memorial Service on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. in person at the Historic Courthouse, 120 High St., Mount Holly, and broadcast via Zoom.

Assignment Judge Jeanne T. Covert will preside over the Opening of Courts ceremony and Brenda Román Maneri, president of the Burlington County Bar Association, will give remarks and preside over the memorial service. Bar member Timothy O'Brien will read *The Lawyer's Prayer*, and Superior Court Judge Gerard H. Breland will sing "*To Where You Are*" in honor of the deceased. This year, the vicinage and bar will memorialize attorneys Timothy E. Annin and G. Wesley (Wes) Manuel Jr.

In 1972, then-Assignment Judge Edward V. Martino began the new court year with the first Opening of Courts ceremony in Burlington County. In recent years, the ceremony has become a tradition.

The ceremony can be accessed [via Zoom](#).

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