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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 Courts Ceremony and Memorial Service on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, 120 High St., Mount Holly.

Assignment Judge Jeanne T. Covert will preside over the ceremony and Ashley Buono, 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 Gary L. Daniels, Louis A. Smith, and Ann Pearl.

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

A reception hosted by the bar association will follow the ceremony.

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