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Camden Vicinage Celebrates Black History Month

The Camden Vicinage will celebrate Black History Month on Friday, Feb. 24 with a panel discussion honoring African-American judges who are serving or have served in the vicinage.

The event, sponsored by the vicinage’s Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns, will begin at 10 a.m. in the jury assembly room at the Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5th St., Ste. L-10, Camden. A reception will follow in the lower level.

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz will moderate the discussion, which will include former New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice John E. Wallace Jr., retired Superior Court Judges Theodore Z. Davis and Ronald J. Freeman, Presiding Family Division Judge Charles W. Dortch Jr., Criminal Division Judge Gwendolyn Blue and Family Division Judge Morris G. Smith Jr., who chairs the Minority Concerns Committee.

The panelists will share stories about their journeys to the bench. The late Judge Robert Johnson, the first African-American Superior Court Judge in Camden County, will also be acknowledged.

“The committee is to be commended for bringing together this prestigious panel. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the events and people that have played a critical role in our vicinage’s history,” said Judge Silverman Katz.

The program is free and open to the public.

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