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The 3rd Annual EDNY Justice Institute

CENTRAL ISLIP, July 9-13, 2018 – On July 9, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, in partnership with the Eastern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (“FBA”), the Federal Litigation Section of the FBA and Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, will host the 3rd Annual EDNY Justice Institute. This week-long, civics education program was developed in 2016 as part of the Second Circuit’s Civic Education Initiative: Justice for All: Courts and the Community. The program, led by U.S. District Judge Joseph Bianco, is designed to introduce incoming 10th graders to the workings of the federal courts and the criminal justice system, and to promote an enlightened and responsible citizenry. This innovative program, which is the first of its kind, allows students to learn about the legal system and to develop basic advocacy skills in a courthouse setting. Students will hear presentations from five federal judges, Suffolk County District Attorney Timothy Sini, FBI agents, a U.S. Secret Service Agent, an ATF Special Agent, Deputy U.S. Marshals, federal prosecutors, and criminal defense lawyers about their respective roles within the federal court system. The students will also have an opportunity to observe actual federal court proceedings, including a Naturalization Ceremony, and will discuss what they observe with a federal judge. Finally, the students will be taught basic advocacy skills in several sessions by experienced lawyers – skills that they will have an opportunity to use in a mock trial competition at the end of the week.

Approximately 100 students from high schools in Nassau and Suffolk County are expected to attend this year’s program. In addition, law students from the Touro Law Center and other law schools have volunteered to mentor the high school students and coach them for the mock trial competition. The program will culminate with an awards luncheon on Friday, July 13, 2018 attended by students and their families. The Court is pleased to announce that this year’s keynote speaker will be internment survivor Mitsue Salador. Ms. Salador will share her experience as a Japanese-American interned by the government during World War II. Ms. Salador is thrilled to have the opportunity to share her story with our young participants.

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