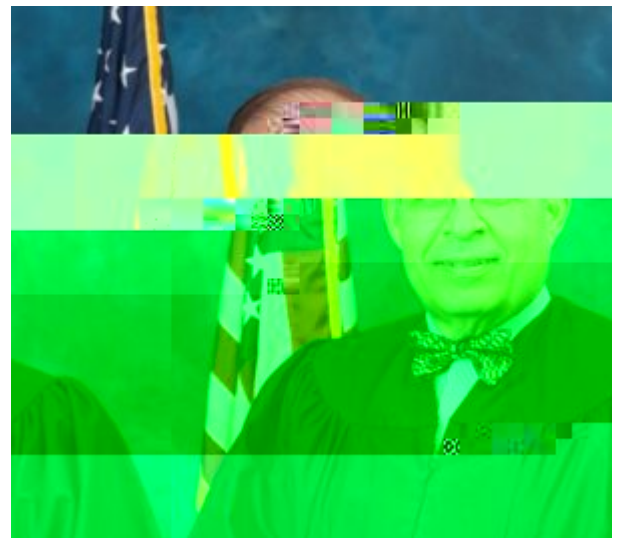


Selected Superior Court judge will serve as contributing analyst at Hughes Center

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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP – Selected NJ Superior Court Assignment Judge Julio L. Mendez will work with Stockton University William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy in the coming year to engage students and faculty.



Retiring Superior Court Assignment Judge Julio Mendez.



“This collaboration will provide academic resources for students to learn from an expert who served at high levels in the state judiciary,” said Marissa Levy, dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, in which the Hughes Center resides.

Mendez will also participate in public programs and panel discussions aimed at educating students, faculty and South Jersey residents about trends and issues affecting government, the law and society.

“In a time of social change and volatility as we’re in today, we are pleased to have an experienced leader like Judge Mendez as a resource to offer ethical and insightful guidance on community,” South Jersey State University President Harvey Kesselman said.

Working with the judge is a priority for the Hughes Center because of its namesake, the late Congressman and Ambassador William J. Hughes, who was a lawyer and served as a security in the May County, the center’s director, John Frinjian said. The collaboration can raise the Hughes Center’s profile in the legal community, Frinjian said.

Judge Mendez’s judicial career began in 2002 with his appointment as a Superior Court judge in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties. In June 2015, he was named Presiding Judge of the Family Part for the vicinage, which is a judicial district. He has the distinction of serving as a judge in all court divisions and handling all dockets, with 11 of his judicial responsibilities awarded for publication.

New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice Suetterlind designated Mendez as Assignment Judge, the position in a court vicinage, in Atlantic and Cape May counties in November 2011. He served in that capacity until his retirement.

The many court committees in which Mendez served worked on issues including domestic violence, drug courts, municipal court reform, and children and family issues. Judicial recognitions he has received include the New Jersey State Thurgood Marshall Award.

Judge Mendez received his Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers School of Law-Camden. He became a member of the New Jersey Bar in 1981.

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