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Suffolk Courts to host special celebration for Women's History Month

Central Islip, New York: District Administrative Judge Hon. Andrew A. Crecca is excited to announce that in honor of Women's History Month, the Suffolk County Courts will be holding a special celebratory event at the John P. Cohalan, Jr. Court Complex in Central Islip this Friday, March 22, 2024. Hosted by the Suffolk County Women in Courts Committee, the theme for this year's special affair is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion" and it will take place in the Ceremonial Courtroom, Part S-24, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. "Friday's celebration will give us all the proper occasion to honor the many women of our community who have demonstrated remarkable courage and resilience when faced with challenges regarding gender equality," said Administrative Judge Crecca.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, former Senior Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals. After her 19 years at the state's highest court, and after 34 years on the bench, Judge Ciparick has since served as, among other roles, Independent Monitor for Racial Bias in New York Courts and Chair of the New York State Board of Law Examiners.

In addition, three individuals are to be honored for their contributions to the local community as pioneering women in the field of law: Hon. Cheryl Joseph, Supervising Judge of Supreme Court Matrimonial Parts and Chair of Suffolk County Equal Justice in the Courts Committee; Dawn Lott, Esq., Executive Director of Suffolk County Human Rights Commission; and Elaine Chiu, Esq., a professor of law at St. John's University and the former Faculty Director of the school's Ronald H. Brown Center of Civil Rights.

Moreover, the Suffolk County Women in the Courts Committee is excited to announce that for the entire month of March, the Cohalan Court Complex is displaying the art exhibit, “A Gallery of Creative Expressions,” which is a collection of beautiful and inspiring pieces that were created by female students of the Central Islip School District.

Friday’s event will be live-streamed and can be accessed at the following link:
<https://cmi.nycourts.gov/suffolk/live.php>. The password is 0323.

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