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MIAMI-DADE COURTS LAUNCH “COMMUNITY CONNECT” WITH FIRST TOWN HALL MEETING IN NORTH MIAMI ON MAY 9TH

The Miami-Dade Courts are launching a series of monthly town hall meetings in response to numerous questions from the public regarding common legal issues such as small claims, landlord/tenant disputes, domestic violence and mortgage foreclosures.

Chief Judge Joseph P. Farina and Chief Judge-Elect Joel H. Brown welcome the public to the first of these town hall meetings, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 9th, at Shalom Community Church Fellowship Hall in North Miami. More details below.

A panel of judges will answer questions from the public regarding small claims, landlord/tenant issues, domestic violence and mortgage foreclosures. Literature and information on various court programs will also be available. The town hall meetings are aimed at answering questions from the public on how to access the courts, and how the law works in each of the types of cases mentioned above. The meetings are not designed to give legal advice or discuss specific cases.

Town hall meetings will be held every month at locations throughout Miami-Dade County, and are part of a new community outreach program titled “Community Connect.” More outreach programs will be announced in the near future.

Attn. Members of the Media: Photo opportunities and interviews with the panelists can be arranged upon request.

WHO: The Honorable Fred Seraphin, Moderator; the Honorable Barbara Areces, the Honorable Darrin Gayles, and the Honorable Judith Rubenstein, Panelists.

WHAT: “Community Connect” Town Hall Meeting

WHERE: Shalom Community Church Fellowship Hall (at St. Paul’s Methodist Learning Center)
921 NE 131st Street, North Miami, 33161

WHEN: Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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