

Media Advisory
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Jury Assembly Room at G.A. 19 Courthouse in Rockville to be Dedicated to Chief Clerk Roy Smith, Jr.

The Jury Assembly Room at the Geographical Area No. 19 Courthouse in Rockville will be dedicated on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, in honor of Tolland Judicial District Chief Clerk Roy Smith Jr., who died on April 14, 2022.



Attorney Smith had worked for years with local historical organizations and others to make the Jury Assembly Room a place where jurors could learn about the area's rich history. In the months before his death, he was amid planning an event to thank the following organizations and individuals for their contributions: the Vernon Historical Society; the Tolland Historical Society; the New England Civil War Museum; the family of Gene Pitney and Mr. Pitney's archivist; Doug Snyder; and Mark Bruder.

Following Attorney Smith's death, the Judicial Branch decided to move forward with the ceremony, not only to thank those who had worked so closely with Attorney Smith but to also rename the space *The Roy Smith, Jr. Jury Assembly Room*.

The ceremony will start at 1 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, with an opportunity afterward to view the various photos, artifacts, and memorabilia; a program is attached that provides more details. Cameras are allowed, and if media chooses to attend, facial masks are strongly recommended. [The courthouse is located at 20 Park St., Rockville, and parking is available either on-street or at a nearby court parking lot.](#)

"Roy was very much loved by the judges and staff who work in the Tolland Judicial District, and we know how much this project meant to him," the Hon. Dawne G.

Westbrook, the district's Administrative Judge, said. "At the top of his list was publicly thanking the people with whom he had worked to make the Jury Assembly Room a community treasure. And now, it is time for all of us to thank him as well."