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Recognizing Excellence in Court Administration

Justice Initiatives, Inc. announced Cathy S Fletcher, Judicial Support Administrator for the 26th Judicial District Trial Court Administrator's Office, as the winner of the first annual Raising the Bar Award at the annual Evening at the Courthouse Event on May 12.

While the general public may never come in direct contact with Cathy, they benefit from her hard work, vision, and contributions to the court system. Cathy is a coveted employee who will go the extra mile to ensure a job is done right. As Judicial Support Administrator, Cathy performs and oversees many of the day-to-day administrative tasks performed in the Judge's Office, including making judge and court reporter assignments. She works quietly and diligently, often involving early morning, late night, and weekend communications, to ensure staff is available to cover each courtroom. Because Cathy ensures this coverage is available, the judges and other court personnel are able to focus on the business of the court: administering, delivering, and upholding justice for the citizens of Mecklenburg County.

Each year, the Raising the Bar award is presented by Justice Initiatives, Inc. to honor a court employee who has made a significant and notable contribution to the advancement of the Mecklenburg County court system. The type of contribution made can vary, and may be related to performance, leadership, innovation, advocacy, public education or some other meritorious area related to the public good. The Board of Directors of Justice Initiatives, Inc. determines the relevancy, level of importance and degree to which each contribution has made a difference. The winner receives a check for \$1000.00, a plaque in recognition of their accomplishment and the permanent listing of their name in the registry of past winners.

When asked how she feels about winning this award, Cathy says, "I am truly honored to receive the 2009 Raising the Bar Award. Thanks to Justice Initiatives, Inc. for making this Award possible. To my nominator, I am grateful for your thoughtfulness. To Judges, Judicial Assistants and Court Reporters thank you for the support, dedication and professionalism you bring to your jobs everyday. It is my privilege to work in our court system among so many dedicated professionals. Thank you for this honor."

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