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Justice Initiatives, Inc. Holds 3rd Annual *Evening at the Courthouse* Fundraiser

Justice Initiatives, Inc., a non-profit, will be hosting the 3rd annual *An Evening at the Courthouse* event on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse beginning at 6:00 pm. This fundraiser is shaping up to be the premier event within the legal community as many distinguished members of our federal and state judiciary, state and local elected representatives and leading members of the Mecklenburg County Bar and community will be in attendance.

This very special occasion will feature a sampling of cuisine prepared by Andrew Blair's, Blue, The Capitol Grille, Creative Catering, LaVecchia's, Maggiano's, Mez, HoneyByrd Sweets, and Edible Art. The folks who partake in this unique opportunity will be treated to the musings of Keynote Speaker, Jay Bilas, a local attorney and Emmy nominated basketball analyst for ESPN and CBS Sports coupled with an overall evening of food, fun and fellowship underneath the soaring atrium of the courthouse. Festivities will also take place on the 9th floor terrace where participants can take in the night air and enjoy the incredible bird's-eye view of uptown. Attendees will have a unique opportunity to enjoy an after-hours viewing of the courthouse and to learn more about the various innovative and award winning court programs that serve this community.

Justice Initiatives, Inc. is an organization formed by a group of community and justice system leaders who believe that Mecklenburg County deserves nothing less than a world-class court system. Justice Initiatives has no large staff or budget. It operates with concerned volunteers who seek to enlist the assistance of the local community to see that more State funding is directed to Mecklenburg County and to support local professionals in the creation and funding of smart justice programs. In that way, Justice Initiatives hopes to improve the administration of justice for all of our citizens.

This event will serve to educate, advocate, support and advance the interests of our local justice system.

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