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Justice Initiatives, Inc. Announces Winner of the 2014 Raising the Bar Award

Charlotte, NC – We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Stephanie Adelman has been selected as the winner of the 2014 Raising the Bar Award. Mrs. Adelman serves as an Assistant Public Defender for the 26th Judicial District of North Carolina; a position which she has held for more than two decades. Advancing the administration of justice means more than merely doing your job well. It means improving the manner in which the system performs through innovation and smarter ways of doing business. As an Assistant Public Defender, Stephanie has retooled how clients are represented to improve the quality of their representation and the speed at which their cases are resolved. The “fast track” system, as it has come to be known, has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars each year and provided for more meaningful client outcomes. Stephanie has also been a mentor to others in the Public Defender’s office, sharing her holistic approach and thus enhancing the scope and effectiveness in which her office represents clients. Through her insight and energy, Stephanie has contributed positively to the court system and has gained the respect of all in her office and in the local legal community. Justice Initiatives, Inc. board member, Brenda Stewart, along with Lawyer’s Weekly representative, Liz Irwin, presented Mrs. Adelman with the award at the Eighth Annual Evening at the Courthouse Fundraiser on April 24th.

Each year, this award is presented 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. It may be related to performance, leadership, innovation, advocacy, public education or some other meritorious area related to the public good. The board of directors determines the relevancy, level of importance and degree to which each contribution has made a difference. The winner receives a check for \$1,000.00, a plaque in recognition of his or her accomplishment(s) and the permanent listing of their name in the registry of past winners.

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