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## **Justice Initiatives, Inc. Announces Winner of the 2015 Raising the Bar Award**

**Charlotte, NC** –Bart Menser has been selected as the winner of the 2015 Raising the Bar Award. Mr. Menser serves as the Deputy District Attorney for the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, State of North Carolina.

Mr. Menser graduated from UNC School of Law in 1978. In 1980, he began his career as a prosecutor handling a variety of cases, ranging from misdemeanors to murders. He later became the supervisor of the Misdemeanor Team managing Mecklenburg County's high volume of traffic and misdemeanor offenses.

Under former District Attorney Peter Gilchrist, Mr. Menser was then appointed Deputy District Attorney. In this position, he coordinates the evaluations of Assistant District Attorneys; personally meeting with more than 80 prosecutors to discuss their work, give encouragement, and provide constructive criticism for improvement.

Mr. Menser is known for his high ethical standards and offers a moral compass for Assistant District Attorneys to follow. He is a valued mentor for young attorneys and has significantly contributed to shaping the legal culture of this community through the lives he has touched.

The General Manager of North Carolina's Lawyer's Weekly, Kate McClain, presented Mr. Menser with the award at the Ninth Annual Evening at the Courthouse Fundraiser on April 25th.

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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