



JI Provides Continuing Education

The Justice Initiatives Board of Directors awarded funding to the Trial Court Administrator's office for the payment of professional dues and conference attendance on behalf of its management staff.

Previously, management staff was forced to incur personal expense to join professional associations, such as the National Association for Court Management, and to attend conferences that promote employee development in the court system. The expense of the dues and conferences is such that few are financially able to take advantage of these opportunities. Justice Initiatives' assistance helped to meet a critical need of the court system, the continued development of court personnel.

Justice Initiatives' mission is to educate the community about the court system and to advocate, support and advance its needs and interests. To further this mission, JI holds competitive grant processes twice a year to address needs in the 26th Judicial District. Award amounts are determined based on the merit of the project and available funds. For more information, visit the grants section of Justice Initiatives' webpage.



Diversity Training Presented

The third seminar in a series of Strengthening Community Relationships Diversity Training was presented to for court staff, court officials and judges on March 20, 2009. Members from our Eastern European community, presented basic and good-to-know cultural information and differences regarding the local Eastern European population that will help members of the court provide better service in their daily interactions with this community.

Justice Initiatives matched funds received by the Trial Court Administrator's Office from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation through its Front Porch Grants program. The program is an effort to build informal social capital within our community. The goal is to increase trust and expand social connections and informal networks in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

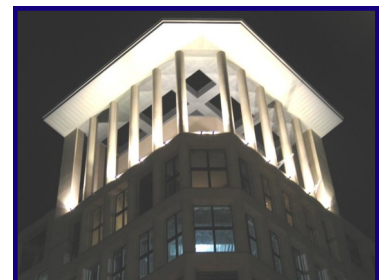
Save-the Date!

Justice Initiatives, Inc. invites you to the third annual Evening at the Courthouse on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Join our judges, court officials, and elected representatives for complimentary food, beer, wine and music.

Keynote Speaker—Jay Bilas
Attorney and Emmy Nominated
Basketball Analyst for ESPN and CBS
Sports

For more information, please visit the Justice Initiatives website at www.justiceinitiatives.org.



JI Welcomes New Board Members

Justice Initiatives is proud to recognize the addition of five new board members.

- Dennis Stone, Charlotte School of Law, Dean;
- Elizabeth Hamilton, ai Design Group;
- Margaret Martin, MECA Real Estate Services;
- Shawn Heath, Duke Energy; and
- Wesley Clark, CNP Technologies.