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Court Camp

Justice Initiatives is proud to partner with the Trial Court Administrator's Office to sponsor a week-long day camp for teenagers interested in possible careers in the legal system

• When:

Three week-long sessions:
Session I — June 11-15
Session II — June 25-June 29
Session III — July 16-20
Session IV — July 30-August 3

• Where: Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

• Activities: Tours of the courthouse, Mecklenburg County Jail, Charlotte School of Law, Local Law Firm, Mock Trial, Court Observation and a PIZZA PARTY!

• Cost: \$50 registration fee.

• See: <http://bit.ly/zpDX6u> or the QR code below for more information.

• Registration Deadline: Monday, April 30, 2012. Space is limited to 15 students per ses-



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Annual Report for FY 2010-2011

Justice Initiatives, Inc. has released its annual report for FY 2010-2011. From hosting Judicial Candidate Forums to helping fund Drug Treatment Court programs, Justice Initiatives was busy supporting essential court programs and providing valuable educational opportunities. Don't worry—it wasn't all hard work! As the Annual Report also highlights, we had some fun along the way; especially at The Evening at the Courthouse event where over \$50,000 was raised to reinvest in the community. Justice Initiatives would like to thank the 2010-2011 Supreme and Appellate Sponsors for all their support last year.

New Board Members



Brenda Stewart has more than twenty-five years of legal experience, and currently has her own company, Stewart Marketing & Consulting, where she brings a deep inside knowledge of law firm administration, management, and marketing. Ms. Stewart will be chairing the Public Relations committee in FY 2011-2012 and will be sitting on the events



Keith Merritt received his JD from North Carolina School of Law and currently practices with Hamilton Stephens Steele & Martin, PLLC where he focuses in Commercial and Land Use Litigation. He was voted a Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year for 2012 in Land Use and Zoning Litigation in Charlotte. Mr. Merritt will be sitting on the Finance committee and Advocacy and Public Policy committee.



Anita Blowers has a B.A. in Sociology and a M.S. and Ph.D. degree in criminal justice from the University at Albany-State University of New York. Dr. Blowers is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology and an Affiliated Professor at UNC Charlotte. Dr. Blower's research focuses on court processing, sentencing, elder abuse and neglect, and general issues pertaining to criminal justice policy and legal analysis. Dr. Blowers will be sitting on the Events and Advocacy committees.

Evening at the Courthouse - Keynote Speaker

Justice Initiatives is proud to announce Martha Walters Barnett as the keynote speaker for its annual "Evening at the Courthouse" event. Ms. Barnett is a partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP and has held the positions of president of the American Bar Association (2000-2001), a member of the American Bar Association Board of Governors and as the first woman to serve as chair of the American Bar Association House of Delegates. Justice Initiatives is looking forward to hearing Ms. Barnett speak on May 8th, 2012.

Fall 2011 Grants Awarded

Justice Initiatives awarded the following grants in the Fall 2011 cycle:

- Promote Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence
- Courts in the Media Seminar
- Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Professional Development: Travel and Training
- Juror Appreciation Month
- TCA Employee Incentives
- Drug Treatment Court Participant Recognition
- Court Appointed Attorney CLE Training

