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Register Today for 2011 Evening at the Courthouse Fundraiser!



On Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM, Justice Initiatives, Inc. will host its 5th annual Evening at the Courthouse fundraiser at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. Come join us for fun and fellowship with our judges, court officials, and various other elected representatives while you dine in the grand atrium on cuisine provided by some of Charlotte's premier restaurant establishments and then retire to the 9th

Floor Terrace for music and dessert along with an incredible nighttime view of uptown. You do not want to miss this special opportunity. Capacity is limited so register now at:

<http://www.justiceinitiatives.org/regsys/index.php> before it's too late!

Online Calendars Now Available

Mecklenburg County Bar members now have online access to Superior Civil and District Civil calendars through a new and innovative web-based application. Attorneys and their paralegals can not only view calendars, but post information regarding settlements and general status reports on specific cases. This means all parties involved in a particular case can track developments on the calendar and prepare accordingly. Better informed and prepared counsel will make for more efficient use of court time and more satisfied litigants. Attorneys can also subscribe to receive an email each time there is update about any case or cases listed on the calendar. The new interactive calendars application was developed by Justice Initiatives in partnership with the Trial Court Administrator's Office and is hosted on the Justice Initiative's website: <http://www.justiceinitiatives.org/courtcal/>.

Race Matters for Juvenile Justice 2011 Symposium

Justice Initiatives co-sponsored the Race Matters for Juvenile Justice Symposium held Friday, January 28th at The Charlotte Westin. This symposium gave a voice to those who otherwise would not be heard. Children and families of color are disproportionately represented in the child welfare system. They also experience disparate outcomes more frequently than their racial counterparts. Though children of all races are equally likely to suffer from such experiences as child abuse or neglect, the percentage of African-Americans and other minorities who enter, and remain, in out-of-home care is much greater than the population percentage they embody. Thus, the Race Matters Symposium was held to address this issue and reduce these disproportionate statistics we see in the juvenile justice system today. Race Matters is a collaborative leadership group led by Juvenile Judges of the 26th Judicial District and supported by judicial officers, system's experts, service providers, and community partners, and with their help this concern can be remedied.



Speaker Dr. Carol Wilson Spigner



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