

For Immediate Release:

Program Offers Easy Access to Legal Forms

Justice Initiatives, Inc. in partnership with the Family Court Division of the Trial Court Administrator's Office will host a launch party on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, beginning at 10:00 AM to introduce an exciting new service. Through the generous support of the North Carolina Bar Association, Mecklenburg County Bar, and Mecklenburg County Government, a set of interactive self-help legal forms have now been developed for the use of the general public.

A brief presentation of this new web-based service will be given in Room 4510 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse (832 East Fourth Street) beginning at 10:00 AM. The presentation will be followed by a live demonstration in The SelfServe Center, Suite 3350. Representatives from I-CAN!, court officials, and actual users will be available to provide information and answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

I-CAN! is an interactive web-based legal services system designed to provide convenient and effective access to vital legal services for lower income litigants who are representing themselves. I-CAN! modules create properly formatted pleadings, as well as educate users on the procedural steps needed to pursue their matter. The initial release will allow litigants to complete the forms necessary to file for absolute divorce and/or file for a name change. Still in development, but soon to be released, are interactive forms to file for child custody, child support, domestic violence and small claims matters. Anyone with Internet access can utilize the system.

The cost to use this service is \$20.00. However, this service will be available free of charge for one day only on Wednesday, July 9th in The SelfServe Center.

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