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**For Immediate Release:**

On Thursday, April 25th, 2013, Justice Initiatives, Inc. will host its 7th Annual Evening at the Courthouse fundraising event at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. Beginning at 6:00 pm, we will receive members of the judiciary, state and local elected representatives, and many distinguished members of the Mecklenburg County Bar and Community. Guests will enjoy a variety of food and desserts from many of Charlotte's finest dining establishments as well as music by the band, Night Shift.

Justice Initiatives is a non-profit formed in 2004 by a group of civic leaders, lawyers, business owners and concerned citizens in North Carolina who understand the rule of law is a foundation of our society and that a healthy court system is critical to safeguarding this foundation. It is also well established that a healthy court system that provides efficient and effective administration of justice, promotes economic prosperity, public safety, and improved quality of life.

We develop programming to address the deficits in the public's understanding and appreciation for the rule of law and the role of courts in our republican form of government. We demonstrate the connection between each individual's and each community's quality of life and the courts' ability to fairly adjudicate legal rights. We seek to ensure that the judicial branch receives the funding it needs to provide timely access to justice for all and defend against policies that undermine the independence, fairness, or integrity of the courts. We raise money to use as seed funding to initiate smarter and innovative judicial programs and services that build public trust and confidence in our courts. Lastly, we study new ideas about justice and our courts with our partners at the Charlotte School of Law, University of North Carolina at Charlotte and other academic institutions.

Our efforts to educate, advocate, support and advance are varied and considerable. Our judicial system needs these efforts more than ever in this challenging fiscal environment. For further information about the event or Justice Initiatives, please contact [administration@justiceinitiatives.org](mailto:administration@justiceinitiatives.org).

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