

Justice Initiatives Announces New Board Member

(Charlotte, NC) July 26, 2013 – Justice Initiatives is pleased to welcome Nicole Sodoma to its Board of Directors. Nicole is the founder of Sodoma Law, P.C. and has been in practice for thirteen years. Her concentration is Family Law and she has been widely recognized by the North Carolina legal community due to her extensive work in the domestic arena.

The majority of Sodoma's cases focus on separation, divorce, child custody, child support, alimony, and equitable distribution. Through the Assisted Reproductive Technology practice (A.R.T.) at Sodoma Law, she focuses on surrogacy and donor agreements, pre-birth orders, adoptions, and parenting plans for both traditional and non-traditional families. She is also a certified Parenting Coordinator, helping parents in high conflict custody cases to better co-parent and resolve disagreements.

Sodoma is very involved in the Mecklenburg County Domestic Court Bar Committee serving on three separate sub-committees. Further, she frequently organizes, participates in, and speaks at live seminars regarding Family Law matters.

A graduate of Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, Sodoma has been recognized among *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite, Top Attorneys in North Carolina, *Super Lawyers Magazine* Super Lawyers, and *Charlotte Magazine's* Top Attorneys, among other awards and honors. In November of 2012, the *Charlotte Business Journal* recognized Sodoma Law as one of Charlotte's best places to work.

Given her impressive resume, the Board quickly and unanimously approved the nomination. Tom Myrick, a trial attorney with Moore & Van Allen and Justice Initiatives Board Chair, stated "I look forward to working with Ms. Sodoma and gaining the benefit of the perspective she will bring to the organization. I am sure she will make a significant contribution to our future success."

Justice Initiatives, Inc. was 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 the bedrock of our civilized society, that a healthy court system is critical to safeguarding this foundation and that the effective and efficient administration of justice is essential to a strong, prosperous and vibrant community.

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 interconnectedness 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 and we study new ideas about justice and our courts with our academic partners.

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