

Justice Initiatives Announces New Board Member

(Charlotte, NC) October 2, 2015- Justice Initiatives is pleased to welcome Paul Meggett to its Board of Directors.

Professor Paul Meggett holds a J.D. degree from the University of North Carolina, School of Law, a B.S. degree from North Carolina State University, and is also an alumnus of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

Paul is currently in his third year as a full-time law professor at Charlotte School of Law. He previously spent twelve years as the Associate General Counsel for UNC Health Care System and Assistant University Counsel for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Meggett has also taught as an adjunct professor of law for six years at the University of North Carolina, School of Law. He began his legal career clerking for Chief Justice Burley B. Mitchell, Jr. (retired) of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

In addition to actively being involved on the Justice Initiatives board, Professor Meggett is an active member of the North Carolina Bar Association and North Carolina State Bar. He recently finished a four-year term as chair of the Legislative Advisory Committee. He has also served as a member of the NCBA Board of Governors and NCBA Foundation Board of Directors. He has chaired the NCBA YLD Bar Exam Committee, Minorities in the Profession Committee and served as a consultant to the South Carolina Bar concerning its diversity initiatives.

Tom Myrick, Board Chair of Justice Initiatives stated: "We are excited to have someone of Paul's caliber join the board. His wealth of knowledge and experience concerning judicial administration matters will be invaluable to the organization."

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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