

SELF SERVE CENTER CELEBRATES 20 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

Since its inception in 1999, the Mecklenburg County SelfServe Center has been striving to achieve equal access to justice in the area



of family law for Mecklenburg County residents. The Center paves the way for patrons to receive knowledge about community resources and procedural information involving the courts, thus educating individuals on bringing closure and stability to their family law issues.

“The SelfServe Center is a public service available to the entire community to provide access to resources and agencies needed for fair and accessible justice,” says Trial Court Administrator Charleston Carter. “Litigants who wish to represent themselves can find forms with instructions or referrals to appropriate community agencies.”

The Mecklenburg County SelfServe Center, a renowned legal service department, invites State, County and

City government as well as State and Mecklenburg County Bar members to attend the celebration of its 20th anniversary that will take place

on December 12, 2019, at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

The celebration will begin with the welcome and introduction of speakers by the Trial Court Administrator of the 26th Judicial District, Charleston Carter. Retired Judge Jane V. Harper will lead the speaking portion by discussing the beginning of the SelfServe Center. Shantel Tatum will reflect on her time in the SelfServe Center as a law student and intern as well as her time as a lawyer using the SelfServe Center. Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Commissioners George Dunlap will address the present and future of the SelfServe Center and Interim Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts McKinley Wooten will speak on the future of the SelfServe Center.

The event will continue with supporter awards for those who have made a significant contribution towards the SelfServe Center’s development and growth, facilitated improvement of product quality or assisted in strengthening the SelfServe Center’s reputation. We will recognize Retired Judge Jane V. Harper and the members of the Mecklenburg County Commissioners.

After the official ceremonies, the celebration will continue with a tour of the SelfServe Center and a final reception in the Trial Court Administrator’s training room 4510. Information about the event can be found online: <http://justiceinitiatives.org/event/selfserveanniversary/>.

THANK YOU, KATIE



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