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EASTFORD ATTORNEY MEGAN WADE RE-ELECTED TO BOARD LEADERSHIP OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ACTION AS IT CELEBRATES 150TH YEAR

Community Partners in Action (CPA), a leader in advancing justice reform and supporting individuals impacted by the criminal justice system, is proud to announce that Megan Wade, Esq., an Eastford resident and attorney, was recently re-elected to the 2025 Board of Directors leadership team as Vice Chair, reflecting a new generation of leaders dedicated to carrying forward CPA's 150-year legacy of fostering rehabilitation, reducing recidivism, and empowering individuals to rebuild their lives.

"I am delighted that Megan is Vice Chair as she reflects CPA's vision and commitment to advancing equity and justice," said Beth Hines, Executive Director of Community Partners in Action. "As we celebrate our 150th anniversary, we honor our rich history of advocacy while looking to the future with exceptional leaders such as Megan, who are dedicated to carrying our mission forward."

CPA's storied history is filled with remarkable advocates who helped shape the organization into the beacon of justice it is today. Early leaders like Yale Law School Dean Francis Wayland, Chief Justice William Maltbie, and Rev. Joseph Gates championed prison reform and the creation of a centralized Department of Correction. Their advocacy was bolstered by prominent figures such as Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) and Charles Dudley Warner, who used their powerful voices to call for an end to inhumane prison conditions. This foundation laid the groundwork for CPA's ongoing commitment to justice reform.

"As Vice Chair, I am proud to support CPA's transformative work," said Wade. "The dedication of CPA's staff to breaking cycles of incarceration is unparalleled, and I am excited to contribute to this shared commitment to justice reform and

community support."

Wade is the founder of Connecticut Appellate Law Firm, and has argued numerous successful appeals before Connecticut's highest courts, and her work in criminal and civil appeals reflects her deep commitment to the legal system and justice reform. A graduate of the Connecticut Supreme Court clerkship program under Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson, she joined CPA's Board in 2019, where she quickly became an active volunteer in initiatives that promote the rule of law and provide educational opportunities.

Community Partners in Action is one of the nation's oldest criminal justice organizations, formerly known as the Connecticut Prison Association, and provides restorative justice services to young people and adults, so they can reenter the community and thrive. CPA delivers impactful services that unite people, programs and partnerships to



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empower individuals to change their lives for the better, make communities safer and stronger, and enhance the quality of life across Connecticut. For more information about Community Partners in Action, its history, and upcoming 150th anniversary events, please visit www.cpa-ct.org.