



## Gov. Christie Addresses Legal Reformers

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**TRENTON, N.J.** – This afternoon, Gov. Chris Christie delivered the keynote address at the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform’s 15th Annual Legal Reform Summit: The Enforcement “Collidescope”: The New Litigation Paradigm. NJCJI President Marcus Rayner attended the event.

“As Governor Christie pointed out, we need common sense legal reform if we want to foster economic growth,” said NJCJI President Marcus Rayner. “New Jersey can’t continue to come in at the bottom of the Chamber’s ranking of state legal climates and keep showing up in the American Tort Reform Association’s ‘Hellholes’ report and expect businesses to view our state as the best place from them to grow their business.”

“Getting the legislature to act on legal reform is always a challenge, but I think they are starting to get the message that common sense reforms are a budget-neutral way to improve the business climate in the state at a time when finances are tight,” Rayner said. “Right now there now five common sense reform bills under bipartisan sponsorship that would improve New Jersey’s civil justice climate. Business is asking, and if legislative leaders want to improve the business climate without hurting the budget, then legal reform is one of the best ways to do so.”

The New Jersey Civil Justice Institute and its members support a number of common sense legal reforms that will ensure the state’s legal system resolves disputes expeditiously and impartially, based solely upon application of the law to the facts of each case. Such a system fosters public trust and motivates professionals, sole proprietors, and businesses to provide safe and reliable products and services while ensuring that truly injured people are fully compensated for their losses.

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