

Seattle IP American Inn of Court -- New Member Orientation

THE AMERICAN INNS OF COURT MOVEMENT

The national organization: The Mission of the American Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills.

Our Inn: Began meeting in 2009-2010, with 2010-2011 our first full year

WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE INN

Attorneys
Judges
Law school professors
Law students

HOW THE INN IS ORGANIZED

Executive Committee
Pupillage teams

WHAT THE INN DOES

Regular meetings: presentations; socializing
Mentoring

YOUR OBLIGATIONS AS A MEMBER

Attendance
Active participation

RESOURCES:

American Inns of Court website -- <http://home.innsforcourt.org/>
Our Inn's website -- <http://seattleipinn.org/>

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A Brief History of the American Inns of Court

The American Inns of Court concept was the product of a discussion in the late 1970's among the United States' members of the Anglo-American exchange of lawyers and judges, including Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit J. Clifford Wallace. Chief Justice Burger subsequently invited Rex E. Lee (then Dean of the J. Reuben Clark School of Law at Brigham Young University and later United States Solicitor General) and Dallin Oaks (then president of Brigham Young University and later Justice of the Utah Supreme Court) to test the idea.

At the suggestion of Rex E. Lee, a pilot program was entrusted to Senior United States District Court Judge A. Sherman Christensen, who honed the idea into a feasible concept. The first American Inn of Court was founded in 1980 in the Provo/Salt Lake City area of Utah, and included law students from Brigham Young University.

Within the next three years, additional American Inns formed in Utah, Mississippi, Hawaii, New York, and Washington, D.C.

In 1983, Chief Justice Burger created a committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States to explore whether the American Inn concept was of value to the administration of justice and, if so, whether there should be a national organization to promote, establish and assist American Inns, and promote the goals of legal excellence, civility, professionalism and ethics on a national level.

The committee reported to the Judicial Conference affirmatively on the two questions and proposed the creation of the American Inns of Court Foundation. The Judicial Conference approved the reports and, thus, endorsed the American Inn concept and the formation of a national structure.

On May 24 1985, the American Inns of Court Foundation was formally chartered. The establishment of the American Inns of Court Foundation was celebrated at a dinner in Salt Lake City in June 1985. Speakers at the dinner program included Judge Christensen, Judge Aldon J. Anderson, and Dallin Oaks.

Past Presidents of the American Inns of Court Foundation

- Professor Sherman L. Cohn - (1985-1996)
- The Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham - (1996-2000)
- The Hon. Randy J. Holland - (2000-2004)
- The Hon. Deanell R. Tacha - (2004-2008)
- Dean Robert K. Walsh - (2008-2010)

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Mission and Goals

A Message from the AICF President

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PROFESSIONAL CREED

Whereas, the Rule of Law is essential to preserving and protecting the rights and liberties of a free people; and

Whereas, throughout history, lawyers and judges have preserved, protected and defended the Rule of Law in order to ensure justice for all; and

Whereas, preservation and promulgation of the highest standards of excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills are essential to achieving justice under the Rule of Law;

Now therefore, as a member of an American Inn of Court, I hereby adopt this professional creed with a pledge to honor its principles and practices:

- ✿ I will treat the practice of law as a learned profession and will uphold the standards of the profession with dignity, civility and courtesy.*
- ✿ I will value my integrity above all. My word is my bond.*
- ✿ I will develop my practice with dignity and will be mindful in my communications with the public that what is constitutionally permissible may not be professionally appropriate.*
- ✿ I will serve as an officer of the court, encouraging respect for the law in all that I do and avoiding abuse or misuse of the law, its procedures, its participants and its processes.*
- ✿ I will represent the interests of my client with vigor and will seek the most expeditious and least costly solutions to problems, resolving disputes through negotiation whenever possible.*
- ✿ I will work continuously to attain the highest level of knowledge and skill in the areas of the law in which I practice.*
- ✿ I will contribute time and resources to public service, charitable activities and pro bono work.*
- ✿ I will work to make the legal system more accessible, responsive and effective.*
- ✿ I will honor the requirements, the spirit and the intent of the applicable rules or codes of professional conduct for my jurisdiction, and will encourage others to do the same.*





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Diversity Policy

The American Inns of Court Embraces and Encourages Diversity and Inclusiveness

More than just an organization, the American Inns of Court is the embodiment of an ideal. We are dedicated to upholding the standards of the legal profession, to practicing law with dignity and respect, and to encouraging respect for our system of justice. Achieving a higher level of excellence and developing a deeper sense of professionalism occur only with an abiding commitment to the goals of diversity and inclusiveness.

The American Inns of Court firmly believes that personal diversity in all its aspects is essential to our ability to accomplish our mission. Diversity embodies all those differences that make us unique individuals and includes people of different race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, gender, religion, age, personal style, appearance, physical ability as well as people of diverse opinions, perspectives, lifestyles, ideas and thinking. We value the differences in views and perspectives and the varied experiences that are part of a diverse membership. Diversity enriches and broadens our membership, which in turn leads to more creative and meaningful programs.

For the same reasons, the American Inns of Court values professional diversity. Legal professionals and law school faculty, administrators, and students, from all disciplines, from all practice types, from both the public and private sectors, from all economic strata, and from the least experienced to the most seasoned are vital to maximizing the Inn experience. Only by drawing and retaining a diverse membership will we guarantee the success of our unique organization as well as our respective professional pursuits. Therefore, the American Inns of Court are committed to creating and maintaining a culture that promotes and supports diversity not only throughout our organization, but in our profession as well.

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September 13, 2013

Dear Member:

Welcome to the 2013-2014 program year for the Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court. We intend to build on our past successes and continue the Inn's goals of fostering professionalism, mentoring new attorneys, and educating our members.

We sent calendar invitations previously, at the suggestion of some members, but the schedule is repeated below. Other than the first and last (September 17 and June 19) programs, all programs will again be held at the University of Washington Club, with a mixer starting at 5:30 pm. This year, dinner will begin at 6:00pm, so that we can begin our program promptly at 6:50 pm and adjourn at 7:50 pm.

October 24, 2013

November 21, 2013

January 16, 2014

February 20, 2014

March 20, 2014

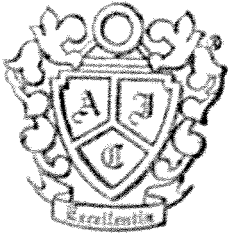
April 17, 2014

May 15, 2014

June 19, 2014 (end of year social, location TBD)

Attached are the pupillage group and presentation date assignments. This year, we have reduced the number of groups such that each group will have the opportunity to present, and there will be more members per group to share the workload. In addition, since the presentation dates are assigned now, groups can work on their presentations well in advance of the presentation date, or switch dates with another group in advance, if necessary.

It is also time to pay yearly dues covering your national membership and the nine dinners and numerous CLE credits you will receive. Please send your dues to our Treasurer Davina Inslee at . Please make checks payable to the Seattle IP American Inn of Court. Dues for 2013-14 remain the same as last year:



Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court

Guidelines and Resources for Inn Programs, 2013-2014

Introduction

The mission of the American Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills. The intent of the monthly programming is to instill that mission of excellence by promoting civility and the nobility of the calling to the profession, building relationships and integration between levels of members, and promoting positive peer pressure with respect to civility and ethics.

Programming Goals and Best Practices

- The Seattle IP Inn is focused on intellectual property law and practice. Pupilage Groups are encouraged to create programs that focus on or relate to IP topics.
- Groups are free to incorporate crossover topics as appropriate (e.g., tax or bankruptcy).
- Groups may also prepare programs focusing on more general topics within the mission of the Inns of Court (civility and ethics, mentoring, trial advocacy, etc.)
- Each Group may use any variety of materials and resources in creating its presentation. PowerPoint, video, photos, costumes, props, and handouts are encouraged.
- Each Group is allowed to choose its own topic and format.
 - Topics will be confirmed on a first-come basis (get your great idea on the calendar early!)
 - Vary the format – all skits get as tiresome as all presentations.

Achieving Excellence Benchmarks

- Monthly programs generally focus on practical legal skills.
- Monthly programs emphasize ethics, civility and professionalism in the practice of law.
- Programs include presentations of principles, techniques, and relationships involved in daily practice.
- Great programs also allow ample time for discussion by all Inn members.

Working with your Pupilage Group

- At least one Board Member will be assigned to each Group, and he or she will recruit a Group Leader by volunteer or nomination.
- You are expected to meet with your Group:
 - At least once in-person outside of regular Inn meetings, as well as e-mail and phone.
 - A dress rehearsal or practice run is often very helpful.
- Divide and assign tasks (writing parts of a script, preparing photos or slides, contacting a guest speaker, doing legal research).
- All Board Members are available to assist with ideas and logistics.
- Masters are expected to generally lead the group and be active in developing presentations
- Plan for the possibility that a scheduled presenter may no longer be available to participate.

Logistics

- Decide on your topic at least three weeks before the program, and email it to the Inn's Program Chair (Alina Morris, _____).
- Email the agenda for your program to the Program Chair at least one week before your presentation (for CLE credit).
 - The agenda should include a title for the program, the name of each speaker, and an indication of the start and end time for the program.
 - If there are subparts to the program, such as where an individual speaker is responsible a particular subpart, the agenda should include the start and end times of each subpart and the name of the speaker responsible for the subpart.
- Appoint a member of the Group to keep speakers/panels on schedule.
- Assign two members to bring laptops if you plan to project slides or other materials.
- Our space is large! Keep the furthest table in mind when preparing slides and visuals.
- Test all laptops, the projector, and other devices before dinner begins (before 6pm).
- Introduce each member of the Pupilage Group who contributed to the program.
- Send the completed program and materials to the Program Chair, so that it can be posted on the Inn website and potentially submitted for consideration by the American Inns of Court Program Awards Committee.

Physical Resources Available for Programs

- Projector
- Screen
- Microphones
- Tables
- Lectern

Programming Resources and Ideas

Format

- Presentation
- Guest speaker
- Skits (New client meeting, negotiation, deposition, motion)
- Debate
- Panel presentation
- Television
 - Game shows: Jeopardy, Family Feud, Hollywood Squares
 - News shows
 - Reality shows
- Mystery theater
- Joint Inn meeting

Programming Resources and Ideas, Continued

Program Bank

- Pupilage groups are encouraged to consult the American Inns of Court program bank for reference as well as for the basis of a presentation.
- Log in and go to <http://www.innsocourt.org/Store/Default.aspx>.
- Groups should keep in mind the need to make presentations creative and relevant.

Possible Topics and Format

- Guest speaker or co-presentation with Bar Counsel on ethics.
- Litigation with non-practicing entities (patent, copyright, and trademark examples).
- Confidentiality, NDAs, and trade secrets.
 - Have members sign various confidentiality agreements or waiver forms when they sit down to dinner, for discussion as part of the program.
- The “Daubert Report” (evoking the Colbert Report).
- Duty to disclose adverse case law.
- Get the student members involved with ideas. What is being taught and presented in law schools about current topics?
- Horror theme: zombie trademarks, genericide, orphan works, patent trolls, and abandonment.
- Guest speaker: psychologist or expert on jury selection and considerations.

**2013-14 Seattle IP Inn of Court
Mentoring Program
Registration Form**

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Year of Law School Graduation and Law School Name: _____

Membership Status:

Emeritus Master Barrister Associate

Type of Practice:

General Practice Firm Intellectual Property Firm Government
 Solo Practitioner In-house Counsel

I am interested in Participating as:

Mentor Mentee

Practice Areas of Interest (check as many as apply):

Patent Trademark Copyright Other _____

My Ideal Mentor or Mentee Would Have the Following Type of Practice (check as many as apply)

General Practice Firm Intellectual Property Firm Government
 Solo Practitioner In-house Counsel

My Ideal Mentor or Mentee Would Have Experience In: _____

Other Comments/Preferences: _____

Please return to:

Jonathan McFarland