

Emeritus/Honorary/Alumni Member Engagement

In accordance with the Charter, Emeritus membership may be conferred upon active Masters of the Bench on the basis of long and distinguished service to the Inn. This year, Emeritus Membership was extended to twelve active and eight alumni members of the Inn, increasing the number of Masters Emeritus to forty. Our Emeritus membership includes attorneys of national renown, federal and state trial court judges, judges from the Virginia Court of Appeals and a justice of the Virginia Supreme Court. Emeritus members receive notices of meetings and may attend from time to time to enjoy fellowship at dinner and the program which follows. They are not required to participate in pupillage teams or committees but are free to do so. When Masters Emeritus do attend dinner, they are required to pay \$35.00 to cover the cost of their meal. Otherwise no other payments such as dues are assessed. The Inn is fortunate to always have Emeritus members in attendance and this past year two programs featured Emeritus members.

Also per our Charter, Honorary membership may be conferred upon individuals on the basis of distinguished service to the bench or bar, furtherance of American Inn of Court objectives or other noteworthy achievements. This past year, an honorary membership was extended to and accepted by Daniel Polsby, Dean of the George Mason University of Law. Dean Polsby receives notice of all monthly meetings and attends from time to time.

The Inn has not previously had any policies to promote the Alumni Association. This year for the first time, the end of year business meeting for Masters was opened to include all levels of membership and combined with an Awards Ceremony. The event was a big success. Consequently, the Executive Committee is now considering further expansion of the event to include and re-engage Alumni members.