

Judge Manos In of Court
Process for Program Development
2026

The following provides a summary of the structure for program development by the Judge Manos American Inn of Court (the "Manos Inn") located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Program meetings are in October, November, December, February, March and April, and generally are on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. The Inn meetings begin with a social hour at 5:00 and the program generally starts around 5:30. Each program offers 1.0 or 1.5 hours of Ohio CLE, at the Presenters option.

Each June, the Program Committee meets and discusses contemporary topics for the next year's six CLE programs. Over the course of the next month, the Program Committee settles on six topics for the programs including suggested lead Presenters.

The last program of each year, in April, is a synopsis of a "Great Case in Cleveland History." Examples have been the Kent State Shootings from 1970; the Cleveland Browns leaving town cases from 1995; the Cleveland Mob case from 1982; Terry v. Ohio, the stop and frisk case of 1968; the Sam Sheppard case from 1954; the Gibsons Bakery/Oberlin College case of 2019; and the County Government Corruption case of 2008. The Presenters for these programs usually were participants in the cases, and also have included federal enforcement agents and business executives who were integral to the cases.

For the other five programs, the Manos Inn seeks informative programs on contemporary legal issues that highlight the individual experience and expertise of the Presenters. Occasionally, practical "how to" programs are offered by they generally discouraged as they are available on the internet.

For the program selection progress, the Program Committee focuses on Inn members, or other local lawyers who are friends of the Inn, and their individual areas of expertise on contemporary legal issues. As part of the topic selection, a member of the Program Committee is designated as the program lead for each topic. That member is responsible for confirming that the Presenter on the topic is willing and able to lead the presentation and coordinating between the Presenter and Inn leadership.

Once the topics are selected, the list is included on the Executive Committee meeting agenda in July of each year for final approval. After approval, the member of the program committee responsible for each Presentation confirms the Presenter's availability and requested date, and the schedule is set by the Inn President.

Once the Presenter is confirmed, the Inn President and Program Committee Chair meet with the Presenter to make sure there is clarity on the format and content of the Presentation. Each Presenter is offered to have junior members of the Inn to be assigned to assist with the preparation of the presentation. Although the Presenter is encouraged to use a power point as part of the presentation, a power point or other media is not required.

An outline of the program with an estimated time schedule must be provided by the Presenter to the Inn's President about one-month in advance of the program. Samples of past outlines are made available.