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The American Inns of Court

**MISSION:** To inspire the legal community to advance the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education and mentoring

**HISTORY:** Conceived by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, the first American Inn of Court was founded in 1980; American Inns of Court Foundation was established in 1985

### STRENGTH IN NUMBERS
- 379 chartered Inns
- 28,983 member attorneys
- 2692 member judges
- 2000 pupil members
- 161 law schools affiliated with 202 Inns
- 2083 educational programs in a national Program Library
- 92 Achieving Excellence Platinum Inns
- 2100 localized programs and events nationwide
- 120,000 alumni members
- 31 A. Sherman Christensen Award recipients
- 27 Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Award recipients
- 16 Sandra Day O’Connor Award recipients
- 11 Warren E. Burger Prize recipients
- 136 Professionalism and Ethics Award recipients
- 86 Temple Bar Scholars® and 56 Pegasus scholars
- 25+ years of outstanding Program Awards

### THE AMERICAN INNS OF COURT NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
- Establishes and charters new American Inns of Court and Inns of Transactional Counsel
- Assists and strengthens existing Inns
- Administers the Achieving Excellence program
- Employs dedicated Chapter Relations Directors who provide assistance, answer questions, and support Inns
- Provides IRS group tax exemption status
- Provides general liability and umbrella insurance policies
- Offers an Inn Management System (IMS) that Inns can use to manage their operations, send e-mails and meeting notices to their members, among other functions
- Hosts complimentary Inn websites
- Offers plaques and membership certificates
- Compiles and offers sample documents and recommendations for bylaws, budgets, policies, and membership forms to assist Inn leaders in day-to-day Inn operations

### AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS
- **A. Sherman Christensen Award** recognizes members who have provided distinguished, exceptional, and significant leadership to the American Inns of Court
- **Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Award for Professionalism and Ethics** recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exemplary service in the areas of professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence
- **Sandra Day O’Connor Award for Professional Service** recognizes members for excellence in public interest or pro bono activities
- **Warren E. Burger Prize**, a writing competition promoting scholarship in the areas of professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence
- **American Inns of Court Professionalism Awards** recognize lawyers and judges whose life and practice demonstrate the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law
- **Program Awards** recognize exceptional programs created and presented by Inns
- **Best Special Project Award** given for a substantive Inn activity or enterprise that reaches the local legal community or community at-large
- **Temple Bar Scholarships®** allows young attorneys to spend a month in London to experience and study the English legal system.
- **Pegasus Scholarship Trust**, a six-week exchange program for young American and British lawyers and barristers to learn about each other’s legal systems

### EDUCATION & MENTORING
- Offers quality educational programs in a national Program Library
- Holds regional Leadership Summits, to bring together Inn leaders to exchange ideas and learn effective practices
- Publishes The Bencher®, a bimonthly magazine with articles on professionalism, ethics, timely topics, and Inn news.
- Sponsors national education programs such as the National Advocacy Training Program
- Assists with CLE approval for national programs
- Provides a Model Mentoring Program, including mentoring resources and templates
- Offers online leadership training and program development resources
- Develops leaders through board service, committee, and task force participation

### CONNECTIONS
- Represents Inns nationally and internationally
- Promotes the American Inns of Court and maintains contact with national, state, and local legal organizations
- Fosters an understanding of the American Inns of Court to federal, state, and local judiciary
- Cultivates relationships with law schools to increase awareness of American Inns of Court
- Maintains online Membership Directory to network with Inn members across the country
- Offers merchandise to promote membership pride
- Delivers InnSight®, a monthly e-newsletter for Inn leadership
- Organizes an alumni association to maintain ties to members and colleagues after leaving an Inn
- Fosters a dynamic relationship with the Inns of Court in the United Kingdom
- Facilitates visitation to the English and Irish Inns
- Arranges amity visits to English Inns
- Hosts English barristers at local Inns through the Adopt-a-Barrister program

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