



*Seattle Intellectual Property American
Inn of Court*

August 8, 2019

Dear Member:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 program year for the Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court. We are pleased to have Federal Circuit Judge Todd Hughes as our guest speaker at the September 19 meeting to kick off our Inn year with a compelling presentation. Attorney General Bob Ferguson will present at the Joint Inn Meeting on October 8 where we will join our two fellow regional Inns.

Our 129 active members are divided into seven committed pupillage teams dedicated to making our meetings informative, entertaining, and a valuable source of CLE credit and networking. To make planning easier, ***pupillage teams will be working now to select all topics for this Inn year.*** We hope that will allow groups to coordinate early and work on their presentations without feeling confined to the immediate run up to the presentation. The Board will circulate a list of topics to choose from shortly. We will then work with each group to identify a topic on that list, or an alternative the group is passionate about. We hope this change helps advance the Inn's goals of fostering professionalism, mentoring new attorneys, and educating our members.

We will send invitations for the meetings scheduled below. Other than the October program, the meetings are held at the University of Washington Club (4020 N.E. Stevens Way, Seattle, WA 98195), with a mixer starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm, so that we can begin the CLE programs promptly at 6:50 pm and adjourn by 7:50 pm.

<u>Date (Day)</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 19, 2019 (Th.)	UW Club (Federal Circuit Judge Hughes will be our guest)
October 8, 2019 (Tu.)	Joint Inn Meeting, Seattle University (Attorney General Bob Ferguson presenting)
November 21, 2019 (Th.)	UW Club
[December holiday]	
January 16, 2020 (Th.)	UW Club
February 20, 2020 (Th.)	UW Club
March 19, 2020 (Th.)	UW Club
April 23, 2020 (Th.)	UW Club
May 19, 2020 (Tues.)	UW Club
June 18, 2020 (Th.)	End of Year Social – location TBD

I am also pleased to announce that for the fifth consecutive year, our Inn achieved the **Platinum** level in the National Organization's Achieving Excellence program.

Dues for 2019-2020 remain unchanged:

Master (<i>non</i> -Corporate/Government/Academic):	\$475
Master (C/G/A) <u>or</u> Barrister (<i>non</i> -C/G/A):	\$375
Barrister (C/G/A) <u>or</u> Associate:	\$275
Pupils and Judicial Clerks:	\$150

(An Associate has less than five years of legal experience; a Barrister has five to twelve years of legal experience; and a Master has at least twelve years of legal experience.) You will receive an invoice via email from the National AIC Inn management website. **Please follow the link in that email and pay your dues online with a credit card.** Your dues cover national and local membership as well as the nine dinners and CLE credits you will receive.

This year's Executive Committee members are as follows. We are a resource to answer any questions you may have and are more than happy to discuss ways we can make our organization better.

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On behalf of the Executive Committee, we look forward to another exciting year and to seeing you at the September 19 program with Federal Circuit Judge Todd M. Hughes.

Best regards,



Benjamin J. Byer
2019-2020 President

cc: Executive Committee
National (Caryn Worcester)