



Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court

September 11, 2017

Dear Member:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 program year for the Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court. This year, we hope to continue advancing the Inn's goals of fostering professionalism, mentoring new attorneys, and educating our members. I note with great satisfaction that for the fourth consecutive year, our Inn achieved the **Platinum** level in the National organization's *Achieving Excellence* program. Only 22% of Inns nationwide achieve the **Platinum** recognition for excellence, much less achieving that distinction four years in a row!

The beginning of our academic year is a good time to reflect on what the American Inns of Court, and specifically our Inn, represent. The American Inns of Court is one of the fastest growing legal organizations in the country. Today there are more than 30,000 judges, lawyers, law students and law school faculty members actively participating. There are more than 100,000 Inn alumni members. Our Inn enjoys 143 active members, 350 total members and seven active, committed pupillage teams which develop informative and often entertaining presentations throughout the course of the year.

Our first program, on September 21, will feature a presentation by the Hon. James Robart, United States District Court, Western District of Washington on Reasonable and Nondiscriminatory IP Licensing Considerations post *Microsoft v. Motorola*. Judge Robart is an active member of our Inn, and any presentation in which he is involved is timely, thoughtful and thought-provoking.

This year's meeting schedule is below. We will send you invitations using the national AIC Inn management system. Other than the November and June programs, all programs will again be held on the third Thursday of each month 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. **Thanks to the excellent financial management provided by the Inn Executive Committee over the last few years (primarily Ben Byer's work as Treasurer) our first meeting will feature a trial run of a new benefit: your first beverage at the mixer is on the Inn! We will evaluate the results.**

<u>Date (Day)</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 21, 2017 (Th.)	UW Club
October 26, 2017 (Th.)	UW Club
November 13, 2017 (Th.)	Seattle Univ. (Joint meeting with the Dwyer and Bryant Inns)
[December holiday]	
January 18, 2018 (Th.)	UW Club
February 15, 2018 (Th.)	UW Club

March 15, 2018 (Th.)	UW Club
April 19, 2018 (Th.)	UW Club
May 17, 2018 (2 nd Th.)	UW Club
June 21, 2018 (4 th Th.)	t/b/d (Year-end social)

It is also time to pay yearly dues, which cover your national and local membership as well as the nine dinners and numerous CLE credits you will receive.

This year, we are asking each member to pay their dues online. 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.** You will need to establish an account with the American Inns of Court to do so, but that's quite simple.

Dues for 2017-2018 remain the same as last year, as follows:

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

(Per the Inn by-laws, 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.)

This year, the Executive Committee members are as follows. Please use all of us as a resource to answer any questions you may have and to discuss ways we can make our Inn 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 21 initial program.

Best regards,



Warren J. Rheaume
2017-2018 President

cc: Executive Committee
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