



Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court

August 26, 2022

Dear Member:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 year for the Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court. The Inn is a Chapter of the American Inns of Court and is one of approximately twenty Inns dedicated to the practice of intellectual property law (the Richard Linn Alliance). The American Inns of Court is a preeminent professional organization modeled after the United Kingdom's system of local Inns to foster collegiality among members of the Bar. The American Inns of Court has more than 30,000 judges, lawyers, professors, and law students actively participating. We thank you for being part of that community of professionals and for being a member of the Inn.

While COVID presented extended, unexpected challenges, the Executive Committee is dedicated to *creating opportunities for our members to re-engage with one another on a personal level*, in addition to continuing advancing the Inn's goals of fostering professionalism, mentoring new attorneys, and providing thoughtful continuing education. We are thus placing priority on returning to an in-person environment, and are intending to conduct most meetings in-person.

Moving back to an in-person environment is not without challenges, however. The University of Washington permanently closed the UW Club in 2021, and the Executive Committee is currently assessing options for a new permanent venue. As a result, we will be holding meetings at a number of venues this year (try-outs, so to speak), and will be sending out very short surveys after each meeting to gather feedback regarding views on each location. We would appreciate it if you could respond to those surveys.

The first meeting will be held at Perkins Coie's Seattle office on September 15, 2022, and it is intended to be a networking and team planning session, with food and drink provided. We are still working to finalize the physical locations of other meetings, and we will have one virtual meeting in October as a result of a special opportunity described below. All meetings will commence at 5:30 pm PT, except for the October meeting. **The October meeting will be a joint meeting with the Michel IP Inn of Court out of Los Angeles, and due to the participation of the Honorable Senior Judge James L. Robart and Honorable Senior Circuit Judge Richard Linn, will be a virtual meeting that starts at 11:30 am PT.** The year-end social event is tentatively scheduled to be a boat cruise, like last year. The full schedule for this year (with tentative meeting locations) is attached as Appendix A (page 4).

As to advancing the Inn's goals of fostering professionalism, mentoring new attorneys, and providing thoughtful continuing education, I am pleased to announce that the Inn once again received Platinum Status in the Inns of Court Achieving Excellence Program last year (much thanks to past-President Duncan Macfarlane and Ms. Xiang Li for all their hard work), and we are

aiming for that status again this year (Ms. Jessica Kaempf is our current Achieving Excellence chair). The Executive Committee will also continue to invest increased attention to quality of programming, including by continuing to support the Programming Committee (now headed by Mr. Nicholas Lenning), so that programs provide thoughtful coverage on cutting-edge developments in Intellectual Property Law and special opportunities for engagement with IP Law stakeholders (although rest-assured that IP Jeopardy will remain a staple of the Inn).¹ **As noted above, we are pleased to announce that the October meeting will involve Judge Robart and Circuit Judge Linn. This will be a special meeting focused on best practices and pointers for claim construction arguments and oral advocacy, and it will involve a claim construction oral advocacy exercise for our new lawyer members (who will argue against a team from the Michel IP Inn of Court in Los Angeles). We will solicit for participation in the exercise in the next few weeks, so please be on the look-out for those communications.** Additionally, the Executive Committee will continue to support the revamped Mentorship Program (now headed by Mr. Ian Crosby), which received significant praise from those who participated last year. Finally, I am personally committed to increased engagement with the local Judiciary, including the Western District of Washington and the Ninth Circuit, as well as alumni members.

Invoices for yearly dues will be sent promptly after the Inn's September meeting. Your dues cover your national membership costs, as well as meeting costs and the CLE credits you will receive. As in years past, 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.** Please let Treasurer Nicholas Kim know if you have any difficulties paying your invoice.

Dues for 2022-2023 are 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:	\$50
Members of Judiciary (Judges and Clerks)	\$0

(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's Executive Committee members are as follows. Please rely on us as a resource to answer any questions you may have and to discuss ways we can make our organization better.

President – Kevin Zeck
President Elect – Lori Tonnes
Secretary – Dario Machleidt
Treasurer – Nicholas Kim
Membership Chair – Charlie Zhao

¹ The Inn's Programming Guidelines from Last Year are attached to this letter as well. We anticipate sending out updated Programming Guidelines before the first meeting on September 15, 2022.


Program Chair – Nicholas Lenning
Achieving Excellence and Linn Alliance Liaison – Jessica Kaempf
Mentoring Chair - Ian Crosby
Director (Website) – R. Tyler Kendrick
Director (At Large) – Caroline Bercier
Director (At Large) – Bill Harmon
Director (At Large) – Stephen McGrath

[Ex Officio Directors – Jerry Riedinger, Paul Leuzzi, Lawrence Graham, Brooke Taylor, Signe Naeve, Brian C. Park, Mark Walters, John Vandenberg, Warren Rheaume, Benjamin Byer, Jonathan McFarland, Regina Culbert, Duncan Macfarlane]

To the extent you would like to assist the Executive Committee in helping make this Inn Year as robust and engaging as possible, please let me know.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, we look forward to another exciting year,

Best regards,



Kevin A. Zeck
2022-2023 President

cc: Executive Committee
National (Caryn Worcester)

APPENDIX A:

Schedule of Meetings:

Date (Day)	Location:
September 15, 2022 (Th.)	Perkins Coie, LLP 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4900, Seattle 98101
October 18, 2022 (Tues.) LUNCHTIME MEETING	Zoom
November 17, 2022 (Th.)	Dockside at Duke's (Tentatively) 111 Fairview Ave N., Seattle, WA 98109
[December holiday]	
January 19, 2023 (Th.)	Burke Museum (UW) (Tentatively) 4303 Memorial Way Northeast, Seattle, WA 98105
February 16, 2023 (Th.)	K&L Gates (Tentatively) 925 4th Ave, Suite 2900, Seattle, WA 98104
March 14, 2023 (Tues.)	Three Inn Meeting (hosted by Dwyer Inn, likely at Seattle University School of law)
April 20, 2023 (Th.)	Mercer Island Community Center (Tentatively) 8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island, WA 98040
May 18, 2023 (Th.)	Museum of History and Industry (Tentatively) 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109
June 22, 2023 (Th.)	Boat Cruise - Elliot Bay or Lake Union