



## 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK



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DISTRICT OF COLORADO  
ALFRED A. ARRAJ UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
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DENVER, COLORADO 80294

Dear Members and Prospective Members of the Inn:

Welcome to the website of the Colorado IP American Inn of Court. The Colorado IP Inn is the thirteenth Inn in the country focused on intellectual property law and is part of the Linn Inn Alliance, an organization of Inns focused on intellectual property law. This alliance has been spearheaded by Judge Richard Linn of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.


The Colorado IP Inn of Court has many objectives. The first is to promote the guiding principles of the American Inns of Court, which are professionalism, ethics, civility and legal skills in the area of intellectual property law. With these principles in mind, we ask you to review the Professional Creed of the American Inns of Court which is posted on this website. The second objective of the Inn is to focus on mentoring younger lawyers in intellectual property law and providing them with experiences they might not otherwise have due to the complexities of IP law. Finally, the Colorado IP Inn intends to promote diversity within the intellectual property community in Colorado.

The American Inns of Court Foundation is this country's oldest, largest and fastest growing legal mentoring organization. Its inspiration stems from Chief Justice Warren Burger's concerns in the late 1970s about the decline of professionalism in American lawyers. Finding support for his message, Chief Justice Burger teamed with the English Inns of Court to establish a network of American Inns. The American Inns borrowed the English tradition of having more senior judges and lawyers within the local legal community mentor young practitioners. In less than 30 years, over 350 American Inns were formed with nearly 100,000 members.

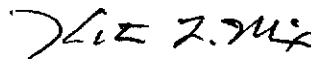
We are honored to be a part of the Founding Committee and the Executive Committee of the Colorado IP American Inn of Court. More importantly, we are excited about our participation in the sessions as well as the opportunity to mentor and encourage young lawyers in their legal careers.

We hope that you find the experience of the Colorado IP Inn to be as rewarding as we do.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Philip A. Brimmer



The Honorable Kristen L. Mix

## **MEETING DATES AND LOGISTICS**

### **I. MONTHLY MEETINGS**

The Colorado IP American Inn of Court program year runs from September through May. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month and generally follow the schedule below:

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Meet & Greet
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Program
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reception

Cecily Winmill, Secretary/Treasurer will circulate an Email to all members approximately one (1) week before each meeting. Members must RSVP/Register for each meeting according to the instructions in the Email.

#### **A. Monthly Meeting Dates**

The monthly meetings for the 2021-2022 term are:

Thursday, September 16, 2021 – New Member Orientation & Opening Event

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Tuesday, December 16, 2021 – Holiday Party

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Thursday, May 19, 2022 – Closing Party

In addition to our regularly scheduled meetings, we are offering two (2) lunch time programs that will be held in the Jury Assembly Room at the Arraj Courthouse, starting at 12 p.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m.:

Friday, October 15, 2021

Friday, March 4, 2022

#### **B. Meeting Location**

Meeting locations vary from meeting to meeting. Please be sure to check your meeting invite for the specific location of each meeting.

### **C. Attire**

Business attire (business suit) is encouraged for all monthly meetings unless otherwise indicated.

### **D. Guests**

Members are encouraged to bring guests to monthly programs. If you wish to bring a guest, please RSVP with the guest's full name prior to the meeting. The guest fee is \$50 and may be paid by check or credit card. Guest fees can be paid at: <https://squareup.com/store/COIPAIC>. Checks should be made payable to the "Colorado IP American Inn of Court."

### **E. CLE Credit**

Attendees will receive 1 CLE credit per program.

### **F. Sponsorship of Events**

Law firms will have the opportunity to sponsor and subsidize various events at an additional cost.

## **MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **A. Attendance**

Each Associate, Barrister and Master must attend at least four (4) of the monthly meetings during the September-May term. If a member is unable to attend at least four (4) meetings, membership may not be renewed the next year to allow room for more active members. Emeritus members are exempt from this requirement.

Each Pupil must attend each program meeting during the September-May term<sup>1</sup>. If a pupil is unable to attend all meetings, membership as a pupil will not be renewed the next term to allow room for other students to participate.

All members are required to sign the attendance sheet at every meeting.

Nametags will be available at each meeting. Please be sure to leave your nametag at the sign in table at the conclusion of each meeting.

### **B. Pupilage Group Participation**

Members who have been assigned to a Team should respond to all emails from their Team Leaders and actively participate in the preparing and/or presentation of their Team's program. Not all members assigned to a team are required to have a speaking role so everyone should be able to contribute to their team. The Membership Directory and Pupilage Groups for the 2021-2022 can be found on our website at <http://www.innsofcourt.org/Inns/coloradoipinn/>.

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<sup>1</sup> Students are not required to attend the Lunch CLEs on 10/15/21 or 3/4/22.

If you have questions regarding your responsibilities, you can contact your Team Leader or any member of the Program Committee.

Pupils, as part of their membership, are required to participate on a pupillage team with a speaking role in their pupillage group's presentation.

### **C. Dues**

Members must pay annual dues before the first meeting of each September-May term. Dues can be paid online at <https://squareup.com/store/COIPAIC> or by check. Checks should be sent to the Colorado IP Secretary/Treasurer, Cecily Winmill. A Renewal Application for current members and a New Member Application can be found on our website at <http://www.innsofcourt.org/Inns/coloradoipinn/> or you can contact Cecily Winmill at [Cecily.Winmill@WilmerHale.com](mailto:Cecily.Winmill@WilmerHale.com).

### **D. RSVP**

Members will receive an Email approximately one (1) week before each monthly meeting containing specifics about the program. Members must respond to that Email regarding whether they plan to attend the meeting pursuant to the deadline listed in the Email.

### **E. Contact Information**

Members should notify the Colorado IP Secretary/Treasurer, Cecily Winmill, of any change in address, phone number, facsimile number or email address.

## **OFFICERS**

The Officers for the 2021 – 2022 Term are as follows:

President: Lee F. Johnston

Vice President: JT Lomenick

Secretary/Treasurer: Cecily Winmill

The process for selecting officers is set forth in the Bylaws.

## **PROGRAM TOPICS**

### **September**

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021  
Location: Polsinelli  
Topic: New Member Orientation & Opening Event

### **October**

Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 [LUNCH MEETING]  
Location: Jury Room – Arraj Courthouse  
Topic: What IP Lawyers Need to Know About the White-Collar Criminal Landscape with John Walsh and Matt Kirsch

Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021  
Location: Westin Downtown  
Topic: IP Around the World – Updates on IP from Various Countries

### **November**

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021  
Location: Westin Downtown  
Topic: IP Ownership/Employee Mobility Issues

### **December**

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021  
Location: The Oxford  
Topic: Holiday Dinner Party

### **January**

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022  
Location: Westin Downtown  
Topic: New Cancellation Proceedings at TTAB with Deputy Chief Thurman

### **February**

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022  
Location: Westin Downtown  
Topic: PTAB Issues and Director Review

### **March**

Date: Friday, March 4, 2022 [LUNCH MEETING]  
Location: Jury Room – Arraj Courthouse  
Topic: Trade Secret Litigation Program

### **April**

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Location: Westin Downtown  
Topic: In-House Panel Discussion

### **May**

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022  
Location: Denver Botanical Gardens  
Topic: Closing Party



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Officers and Founding Members**



**Lee F. Johnston**  
**2021-2022 President**



**JT Lomenick**  
**2021-2022 Vice President**



**Cecily Winmill**  
**Secretary / Treasurer**  
**Administrator**



**Honorable Philip A. Brimmer**  
**Founding Member**



**Professor Bernard Chao**  
**Founding Member**



**Michael L. Drapkin**  
**Founding Member**



**Honorable Kristen L. Mix**  
**Founding Member**



**John R. Posthumus**  
**Founding Member**



**Douglas L. Sawyer**  
**Founding Member**  
**2011-2012 President**



**Professor Harry Surden**  
**Founding Member**



**David D. Wier**  
**Founding Member**  
**2015-2016 President**



**Janna Fischer**  
**Immediate Past President**

## FORMER PRESIDENT'S ELECT



**George G. Matava**  
2010-2011 President



**Douglas L. Sawyer**  
2011-2012 President



**Jon Trembath**  
2012-2013 President



**Daniel S. Young**  
2013-2014 President



**Shelley Mixon**  
2014-2015 President



**David D. Wier**  
2015-2016 President



**Richard J. Holzer, Jr.**  
2016-2017 President



**Molly Kocalski**  
2017-2018 President



**Nancy Dempsey**  
2018-2019 President



**Chirag Patel**  
2019-2020 President



**Janna Fischer**  
2020-2021

## 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Chris Sylvain**  
2019-2022



**James Juo**  
2019-2022



**Rande Treece**  
2019-2022



**Elizabeth Manno**  
2019-2022



**Sam Picans**  
2020-2023



**Tera Smith**  
2020-2023



**Molly Kocialski**  
2020-2023



**Amy Kramer**  
2020-2023



**Dave Rein**  
2020-2023



**Evan Rothstein**  
2021-2024



**Emily Wasserman**  
2021-2024



**Robert Sykes**  
2021-2024

## **2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



**Sabrina Danielson**  
**2021-2024**



**Mark Emde**  
**2021-2024**



**Maria Spiridonova**  
**2021-2024**



**Stephanie Vu**  
**2021-2024**

## **2021 – 2022 COMMITTEE LEADERS**

### **FINANCE**



**Chair: David D. Wier**



**Secretary/Treasurer  
Cecily Winmill**



**Rande Treece**

### **PROGRAMS**



**Chair: Molly Kocialski**



**Co-Chair: Amy Kramer**



**Robert Sykes - – Program Submissions**



**Maria Spiridonova – CLE Coordinator**



## **MENTORING**



**Chair: Sam Picans**



**Co-Chair: Evan Rothstein**



**Mark Emde**



**Stephanie Vu**

## **MEMBERSHIP**



**Chair: Terra Smith**



**Co-Chair: Emily Wasserman**



**Sabrina Danielson**



**Professor Harry Surden**



**Professor Bernard Chao**

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**



**Chair: Chris Sylvain**



**Co-Chair: Dave Rein**



**Elizabeth Manno**



**James Juo**

## **ADMINISTRATOR**



**Cecily Winmill**

## BYLAWS

Available at <http://www.innsofcourt.org/Inns/coloradoipinn/>

### HOW TO ACCESS THE WEBSITE AND/OR PASSWORD RETRIEVAL INSTRUCTIONS

To log onto the AIC website:

1. Clear your browser first, then access the website using – [home.innsofcourt.org](http://home.innsofcourt.org). This will take you directly to the Inns of Court website. Once at the website click on “**SIGN-IN**”.

The screenshot displays the American Inns of Court website's sign-in interface. At the top, the browser's address bar shows the URL. The website's header includes the logo and a navigation menu with links for 'Sign In', 'Find an Inn', 'FAQ', 'IMS', 'Cart', and a search bar. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'ABOUT US', 'GET INVOLVED', 'AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS', 'FOR MEMBERS', 'FOR LEADERS', 'EVENTS', and 'SHOP'. The main sign-in form is titled 'Sign In' and contains the following elements: a 'Username' input field, a 'Password' input field, a 'Remember me' checkbox, an orange 'Sign In' button, and a link for 'Forgot my password or my username'.

2. In the “**USERNAME**” box enter your **e-mail address**.
3. In the “**PASSWORD**” box enter your password. If you do not remember your password, click on the “**FORGOT PASSWORD**” below the “**SIGN IN**” orange box. Once you click “**forgot password**”; you will receive an e-mail link with a temporary password. Once you have access to the site, you will be asked to create a permanent password to log on to the AIC website thereafter.
4. If your e-mail address has changed since joining the Inn and you are unable to login, please email: [support@innsofcourt.org](mailto:support@innsofcourt.org) for assistance.



## AMERICAN INNS OF COURT

### PROFESSIONAL CREED

**WHEREAS**, the Rule of Law is essential to preserving and protecting the rights and liberties of a free people; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout history, lawyers and judges have preserved, protected and defended the Rule of Law in order to ensure justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation and promulgation of the highest standards of excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills are essential to achieving justice under the Rule of Law;

**NOW THEREFORE**, as a member of an American Inn of Court, I hereby adopt this professional creed with a pledge to honor its principles and practices:

- I will treat the practice of law as a learned profession and will uphold the standards of the profession with dignity, civility and courtesy.
- I will value my integrity above all. My word is my bond.
- I will develop my practice with dignity and will be mindful in my communications with the public that what is constitutionally permissible may not be professionally appropriate.
- I will serve as an officer of the court, encouraging respect for the law in all that I do and avoiding abuse or misuse of the law, its procedures, its participants and its processes.
- I will represent the interests of my client with vigor and will seek the most expeditious and least costly solutions to problems, resolving disputes through negotiation whenever possible.
- I will work continuously to attain the highest level of knowledge and skill in the areas of the law in which I practice.
- I will contribute time and resources to public service, charitable activities and pro bono work.
- I will work to make the legal system more accessible, responsive and effective.
- I will honor the requirements, the spirit and the intent of the applicable rules or codes of professional conduct for my jurisdiction, and will encourage others to do the same.



## **BACKGROUND OF THE AMERICAN INNS OF COURT**

The Colorado IP American Inn of Court is a member of the American Inn of Courts.

### **The American Inns of Court<sup>2</sup>**

American Inns of Court (AIC) are designed to improve the skills, professionalism and ethics of the bench and bar. An American Inn of Court is an amalgam of judges, lawyers, and in some cases, law professors and law students. Each Inn meets approximately once a month both to “break bread” and to hold programs and discussions on matters of ethics, skills and professionalism.

Looking for a new way to help lawyers and judges rise to higher levels of excellence, professionalism, and ethical awareness, the American Inns of Court adopted the traditional English model of legal apprenticeship and modified it to fit the particular needs of the American legal system. American Inns of Court help lawyers to become more effective advocates and counselors with a keener ethical awareness. Members learn side-by-side with the most experienced judges and attorneys in their community.

An American Inn of Court is not a fraternal order, a social club, a course in continuing legal education, a lecture series, an apprenticeship system, or an adjunct of a law school’s program. While an AIC partakes of some of each of these concepts, it is quite different in aim, scope, and effect.

American Inns of Court actively involve more than 25,000 state, federal and administrative law judges, attorneys, legal scholars and law students. Membership is composed of the following categories: Masters of the Bench – judges, experienced lawyers, and law professors; Barristers – lawyers with some experience who do not meet the minimum requirements for Masters; Associates – lawyers who do not meet the minimum requirement for Barristers; and Pupils – law students. The suggested number of active members in an Inn is around 80.

Most Inns concentrate on issues surrounding civil and criminal litigation practice, and include attorneys from a number of specialties. However, there are several Inns that specialize in criminal practice, federal litigation, tax law, administrative law, white-collar crime, bankruptcy, intellectual property, family law, or employment and labor law.

The membership is divided into “pupilage teams,” with each team consisting of a few members from each membership category. Each pupilage team conducts one program for the Inn each year. Pupilage team members get together informally outside of monthly Inn meetings in groups of two or more. This allows the less-experienced attorneys to become more effective advocates and counselors by learning from the more-experienced attorneys and judges. In addition, each less-experienced member is assigned to a more-experienced attorney or judge who acts as a mentor and encourages conversations about the practice of law.

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<sup>2</sup> The information below is reproduced from the website of the American Inns of Court, <http://www.innsofcourt.org/Content/Default.aspx>

## **MISSION OF THE AMERICAN INNS OF COURT**

The Mission of the American Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills.

## **GOALS OF THE AMERICAN INNS OF COURT**

- To promote the American Inns of Court mission by encouraging members of the legal profession to participate in an American Inn of Court.
- To help ensure the vitality and continuity of local Inns.
- To communicate a culture of excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility and skills to the legal community and generally.
- To ensure the long-term financial viability and growth of the American Inns of Court.

## **HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN INNS OF COURT**

The American Inns of Court concept was the product of a discussion in the late 1970's among the United States' members of the Anglo-American exchange of lawyers and judges, including Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit J. Clifford Wallace. Chief Justice Burger subsequently invited Rex E. Lee (then Dean of the J. Reuben Clark School of Law at Brigham Young University and later United States Solicitor General) and Dallin Oaks (then president of Brigham Young University and later Justice of the Utah Supreme Court) to test the idea.

At the suggestion of Rex Lee, a pilot program was entrusted to Senior United States District Court Judge A. Sherman Christensen (pictured at right), who honed the idea into a feasible concept. The first American Inn of Court was founded in 1980 in the Provo/Salt Lake City area of Utah, and included law students from Brigham Young University. Within the next three years, additional American Inns formed in Utah, Mississippi, Hawaii, New York, and Washington, D.C.

In 1983, Chief Justice Burger created a committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States to explore whether the American Inn concept was of value to the administration of justice and, if so, whether there should be a national organization to promote, establish and assist American Inns, and promote the goals of legal excellence, civility, professionalism and ethics on a national level. The committee reported to the Judicial Conference affirmatively on the two questions and proposed the creation of the American Inns of Court Foundation. The Judicial Conference approved the reports and, thus, endorsed the American Inn concept and the formation of a national structure. In 1985, the American Inns of Court Foundation was formally organized.

## **DIVERSITY POLICY**

The American Inns of Court Embraces and Encourages Diversity and Inclusiveness.

More than just an organization, the AIC is the embodiment of an ideal. We are dedicated to upholding the standards of the legal profession, to practicing law with dignity and respect, and to encouraging respect for our system of justice. Achieving a higher level of excellence and developing a deeper sense of professionalism occur only with an abiding commitment to the goals of diversity and inclusiveness.

The AIC firmly believes that personal diversity in all its aspects is essential to our ability to accomplish our mission. Diversity embodies all those differences that make us unique individuals and includes people of different race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, gender, religion, age, personal style, appearance, physical ability as well as people of diverse opinions, perspectives, lifestyles, ideas and thinking. We value the differences in views and perspectives and the varied experiences that are part of a diverse membership. Diversity enriches and broadens our membership, which in turn leads to more creative and meaningful programs.

For the same reasons, the AIC values professional diversity. Legal professionals and law school faculty, administrators, and students, from all disciplines, from all practice types, from both the public and private sectors, from all economic strata, and from the least experienced to the most seasoned are vital to maximizing the Inn experience. Only by drawing and retaining a diverse membership will we guarantee the success of our unique organization as well as our respective professional pursuits. Therefore, the American Inns of Court are committed to creating and maintaining a culture that promotes and supports diversity not only throughout our organization, but in our profession as well.

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (2021-2022)**

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