

Judge Janet Bond Arterton American Inn of Court

FAQs

What is an Inn of Court?

- A professional association of lawyers, judges and students who meet regularly to strengthen their professional skills, typically through hands-on practical programming and exercises.
- The Arterton Inn will focus exclusively on intellectual property.
- There are 22 IP-focused Inns across the country, supported by Judge Richard Linn of the Federal Circuit. There is currently no IP-focused Inn in Connecticut.

What kind of programs will the Arterton Inn hold?

- Approximately 6 substantive IP-focused programs a year, covering a range of both federal and state IP topics including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, unfair competition and false advertising.
- Substantive programs can range from practicum-based (e.g. mock summary judgment argument) to interactive (e.g. IP Jeopardy). Programs are not intended to be lecture-based. All programs will have a networking component and, importantly, snacks.
- Proposed first year's programs will track major case events in a mock litigation over the Wright Brothers' patent.
- 2 non-substantive programs (e.g. holiday party or meet-and-greet with students and judge(s)).
- 2015 substantive programs will begin in the Fall, with an initial kick off gathering in late Spring.

How will the Inn be structured?

- Mirror the American Inns of Court experience-based pupillage teams (ranging from students to judges).
- Three committed judges for 2015 so far (Arterton, Bryant, and Hodgson).
- Members will be placed into Program Groups, each including members from across the pupillage teams.
- Each Program Group is responsible for organizing and presenting one program a year.
- Meetings will be held at the Federal Courthouses in New Haven and Hartford.

Who's driving this ship, anyhow?

- 2015 Officers:
 - Amy Lydon, Medtronic, President and Executive Director
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 - Eric TeVelde, Day Pitney LLP, Program Chair etevelde@daypitney.com
- Advisory Board comprised of about 20 law firm, in-house and academic leaders.

What are the membership responsibilities?

- Commit to attend at least four of the six substantive programs.
- Annual dues vary based on years of practice:
 - Emeritus (>34 years): \$350
 - Master (>15 years): \$400
 - Barrister (9-14 years): \$325
 - Associate (<8 years): \$200
 - Academic, government or In-house, regardless of year: \$125
 - Law Student: \$25
- Be willing to receive and provide constructive, nonjudgmental feedback with an open mind and, most importantly, have fun!

What's in it for me?

- Opportunity to learn and practice courtroom skills in a low-pressure forum, and see the best of the CT IP bar in action.
- Face time with judges and an opportunity to hear their feedback.
- Networking with law firm attorneys and in house counsel.
- Mentoring opportunities.