



MEETING RECAP

THE PAULINE NEWMAN IP AMERICAN INN OF COURT

MAGNA CARTA PROGRAM

November 18, 2014

The fourth meeting of the 2014/2015 year of the Pauline Newman IP American Inn of Court took place at the National Archives in Washington, DC on November 18, 2014. This was a joint meeting with the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court for a program on the Magna Carta. The welcome and check-in began at 5:30 pm, and attendees were permitted to view the Magna Carta and other historical documents and enjoy refreshments and hors d'oeuvres courtesy of the Rich Inn from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The formal program was held from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm.

The formal program was led by Judge Susan G. Braden of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and featured a talk by Professor Bruce O'Brien, Professor and Department Chair in History and American Studies at the University of Mary Washington. Professor O'Brien's talk addressed the history of the Magna Carta and its significance to the American legal system. A number of interesting historical anecdotes leading to the Magna Carta were discussed. Among these were the recurring efforts by Kings to promote stable rule by affirming prior law, often at the request of the barons.



http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/magna_carta/

There was also an announcement about a patent-specific pro bono opportunity. In particular, there are several pro se patent infringement cases filed at the Court of Federal Claims each year, and practitioners who may be interested in taking on one of these pro se cases may contact Sefani Vanderlune at stefani.vandelune@kirkland.com.

Concluding remarks were provided by Judge Braden.

Photography was not permitted during the reception or meeting at the National Archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pearson
Secretary