

The Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court 2018-2019 year has come to a close. Read on for news about the upcoming 2019-2020 year, information about Judge Moriarty's retirement, some interesting legal trivia, and more.

1. Upcoming 2019-2020 Year.

Registration is open for the coming year, and the Inn will once again be seeking applications for new members. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Ben Ashworth, Chris Ray or Meridith Hogan. The Membership Team will have applications available next week.

Meetings will continue to take place at the Milburn Country Club located at 7501 W. 69th Street, in Overland Park, Kansas.

2. Judge Moriarty's Retirement.

The Honorable Kevin Moriarty is set to retire on June 28, 2019, after more than fifteen years as a district judge for the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas.

Judge Moriarty served as the Johnson County District Attorney from 1979 to 1984, followed by twenty years in private practice. He was sworn in as a district judge on April 23, 2004, and during his tenure, was Chief Judge for four years. In what will come as no surprise to those who know and have worked with him, Judge Moriarty has said that he still feels the same excitement and pride when he enters the Courthouse as he "did all those years ago."

Notably, Judge Moriarty previously served as President of the Inn, and he has continued to bring that same passion and commitment each year as a Master leading pupillage teams.

Judge Moriarty is married to retired State Senator Barbara Allen and has five children, Shannon, Kelly, Erin, Maddox, and Maverick. After retiring, he plans to work as a full-time mediator.

3. Trivia Question.

What may the clergy not do from the pulpit in Nicholas County, West Virginia?

4. Professionalism Creed.

As we go about our legal work, please remember to abide by the Professionalism Creed, which you have pledged to uphold as a Member of the Inn.

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.

5. News from the National Inn.

The 2019 National Advocacy Training Program will take place from September 16-19, 2019, in Washington, DC.

For more information and to register, please follow the attached link:

https://home.innsofcourt.org/AIC/AIC_Events/Event_Display.aspx?eventkey=NA TP2019

6. Member News

If you have personal or professional news that you would like to share with the Inn, whether a new position, a new baby, you name it, please email Melissa Sherman.

7. Trivia Answer

Tell jokes.

Nicholas County, West Virginia law prohibits any member of the clergy from telling jokes or humorous stories from the pulpit during a church service.