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## **INN The Know**

**The Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court LIV**

**Our Vision:** A legal profession and judiciary dedicated to professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence.

**Our Mission:** The American Inns of Court inspire the legal community to advance the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education, and mentoring.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court LIV Wins 2018-2019 Outstanding Program Award from the American Inns of Court out of nationwide program submissions: Will receive recognition at the US Supreme Court Celebration of Excellence**

**Congratulations to Pupillage Group Leader Judge Sherri L. Collins and the entire 2018-2019 Middle Temple— Edrick Barnes, Ann Breeden, Jesse Concepcion, Catherine Eaton, Stephanie Evans Bell, Rachel M. Evert, Jason E. Handin, Sheri Hopkins, Marcus Kelly, Lisa M. Kohring, David R. Maass, Daria Pustilnik, Stuart Rimland, Sorraya M. Solages-Jones, Dominique Torsiello, Shayla N. Waldon, and Nadine V. White-Boyd—you have received Outstanding Program Award for the 2018-2019 Inn year for “The Bachelor”.**



Earn points for your group by contributing to the newsletter. Completing an INNterview or submitting a News item will earn you points! Recent marriage, Birth announcement? Contact Dominique Torsiello at dt@pikelustig.com or Tami Augen Rhodes at tami@tamiaugenlaw.com to submit your news!

### **2019-2020 Meeting Dates**

- \*August 20, 2019  
(new member orientation)
- \*~~September 17, 2019~~
- \*October 15, 2019
- \*November 19, 2019
- \*January 21, 2019
- \*February 18, 2019
- \*March 17, 2019
- \*April 21, 2019
- \*May 19, 2019  
(Inny Cup Gala)

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In March 2008 “Peaches”, who is also known as “Tasty”, threw a wild house party – in a vacant home in Northeast D.C. As often happens, a neighbor called the police who responded to the residence. One of the partygoers opened the door and the police entered to find drugs and alcohol. The officers observed a make-shift “strip club” downstairs and “more debauchery” upstairs. All 21 partygoers were arrested and ultimately 16 of them sued the District and five arresting officers for false arrest claiming that they were arrested without probable cause. So, the big question is: how does this case wind up in the Supreme Court of the United States? Simple, because the matter occurred in Washington D.C.: therefore, the trial court was the District Court; the intermediate Court was the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeal; and the next court was the Supreme Court of the United States!

To read more about this case click here: <https://qz.com/1229911/the-us-supreme-courts-funniest-cases-are-the-ones-you-never-hear-about/>

To read the full U.S. Supreme Court case, click here: [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/15-1485\\_new\\_8n59.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/15-1485_new_8n59.pdf)

To read more about the Courts of the District of Columbia, click here: <https://www.fjc.gov/history/courts/courts-district-columbia>



President, Tami L. Augen Rhodes, presenting Immediate Past President, the Honorable Robert M. Gross, with a crystal ice bucket commemorating his Presidential Year of service to our Inn.

September 2019  
Start of Year Ice Breaker Social



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Tami L. Augen Rhodes



I was confident that I would not make it. No one could convince me for almost 25 years that if I got on a plane, I would not die – simply cease to exist. My biggest fear realized because I decided to “go for it.” After 25 years of sheer terror, I conquered my fear. It took the right mindset, dedication, focus, and lots of practice. We face things in our lives everyday that cause fear. In fact, studies show that fear of public speaking is America’s biggest phobia, coming in at about 25%. I remember back in law school when I participated in an internship program with the City of St. Petersburg. I was heading to court with one of the City Attorneys to “argue” an uncontested quiet title action on an abandoned parcel of property within the city. Two cases were on the docket and we got to the Judge’s chambers first and signed the sign-in sheet. Well, we wound up going second as I was gripped by fear hiding out in the ladies’ room trying to calm myself down! Coming out of that hearing, I felt like a champ, I killed that hearing and title was, in fact, quieted in favor of the city! Over twenty years later, I

can barely recall that feeling. Why and when did this shift occur? Well, I just keep walking into the courtroom, over and over again, hearings, trials, UMC’s – lots of practice! This got me to thinking that no matter what our biggest fear is, we can overcome it; just like I did with going into the courtroom and getting onto a plane.

Our Inn is uniquely designed to provide for diversity amongst years of practice, type of practice, and area of practice. We have Student/Pupil members from Nova University Shepard Broad College of Law; Associates with up to 5 years of practice; Barristers with 5-14 years of practice; and Masters/Judges with 15+ years of practice. And, that’s what we do – “practice” law. While a Pupil or Associate Inn member may have a fear of arguing before the Court her first time, a Barrister or Master may have a fear of switching law firms, starting her own firm, or drafting her first appeal. There are all different situations which are new to us, it is our mindset, tenacity, and fortitude which determine how we will handle each new challenge we encounter.

Not only do the Inns of Court provide us with an opportunity to have new experiences that we may not otherwise have in our regular work week, we have the ability to interact with other members who have other life experiences and skill sets. In fact, one great friend of mine from the Inn has a husband who is a pilot. While not law related, she was supportive of my journey to overcome the flying phobia that crippled me for decades.

It is not only the members and mentors that can make a difference in facing your challenges, but also the opportunities provided by the Inn. There are many different leadership positions which can expose you to new and unique tasks that you may have never had an opportunity to undertake previously. In fact, I amazed myself by working on our INN the Know newsletter and learning how to use the Microsoft Publisher program – something I would not otherwise have even attempted to do previously.

After you have finished reading this edition of INN the Know, take a moment, close your eyes, and think about what is holding you back. What do you want to do, try, accomplish? And, what is stopping you from moving forward in pursuing that goal? What hidden fear do you have that may be preventing you from trying to do something you have never done before? Whatever it is, focus on it and develop an understanding of what it is that you need to conquer to move forward from where you are today. Ask for help and educate yourself with the assistance of friends, colleagues, mentors, and other Inn members, so that you can both reach, and far exceed, the achievements that you set for yourself. I asked for, and received, the assistance of a former commercial airline pilot turned LCSW who has helped thousands overcome their fear of flying. I know that if I can not only get on an airplane, but also enjoy the flight, that you can do anything you can imagine. I hope you all exceed beyond your wildest dreams and face, head on, any obstacle in your way, and any fear that you may have within you.



**Lisa Kohring** is the Pupillage Group Leader who fearlessly led Middle Temple in the first presentation of this Inn year: Alice in Wonderland. Lisa joined the Inn in 2018 and practices Employment Defense Litigation. When Lisa is not one-half of Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum, you can find her enjoying “Dumb and Dumber” (coincidence??); “My Cousin Vinny”; or “French Kiss.” If you found her abandoned on a desert island, she would be enjoying a medium rare porterhouse with baked potato and mushrooms. Lisa’s favorite vacation would be taken in the Fall to Aspen and Twin Lakes. She works hard because she loves to win, and to learn. While she is not sure where she sees herself in ten years, what she does know, is that if she was not working for a living, she would cook, garden, and operate a homeless shelter focused on giving the homeless the skills and tools to get back on their feet. She would also run for office! Lisa is currently reading both “In Cold Blood” and “The Intelligent Investor.” Lisa’s best Inn moment would be the karate chop she did when playing charades at the first meeting of this year. There is something pretty amazing about Lisa—she became an orphan of the state at age fifteen and she has been working since she was sixteen. On her own, Lisa has earned every single thing she has ever accomplished and she continually strives to be a better person. What an inspiration!



SAVE THE DATE

December 12, 2019: the mentoring committee will present the first “Master Class.” Additional information to follow.

Love Your Lawyer Day

Friday, November 1 is “Love Your Lawyer Day,” which was first celebrated in 2001 when attorney Nader Anise of ALPIA started the campaign of “No Lawyer Bashing or Jokes for One Day.”

So, take a moment at your Inn meeting and celebrate all the good things you and your colleagues do to help others through difficult situations. And, perhaps, thank each other for sharing professional experiences with each other to further excellence in the practice of law.

Please join us in honoring the attorneys who went above and beyond in providing pro bono legal services this year through the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee's  
Inaugural  
**Pro Bono Awards Pinning Ceremony**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2019**  
Main Courthouse – Ceremonial Courtroom 11A  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Lapel Pin Winners

**Gold (100+ hours)**

Anne Hinds- Schwartz|White Attorneys at Law  
Vicki Krusel- Vicki Tucci Krusel, Attorney at Law PLLC  
Lawrence Moncrief  
Jay Mussman- Day Pitney LLP  
Michael Stern  
Holly Tabernilla

**Silver (50-99 hours)**

Richard Abedon  
Jonathan Burns- JB Law, P.A.  
Grant Gisondo- Law Offices of Grant J. Gisondo, P.A.  
Jason Lazarus- Pankauski Hauser PLLC  
Donia Roberts- Donia Adams Roberts, P.A.

**Bronze (20-49 hours)**

Alex Alijewicz- Alex Alijewicz, CPA, P.A.  
Darryl Figueroa- Darryl P. Figueroa, Esquire  
Deena McNamara- McNamara & McNamara, P.A.

Special Guests and Speakers

**Hon. Barbara Pariente**  
*Florida Supreme Court Justice*

**Hon. Krista Marx**  
*Chief Judge of the 15th  
Judicial Circuit*

**Hon. Samantha  
Schosberg Feuer**  
*15th Judicial Circuit Court Judge &  
Pro Bono Committee Chair*

There is no charge to attend the event but your RSVP is required by November 4, 2019.  
RSVP to: [agonzalez@gonzalezcartwright.com](mailto:agonzalez@gonzalezcartwright.com)





The Judges of Palm Beach County and the 15th Judicial Circuit  
invite all attorneys who in **2019** either  
1) moved to Palm Beach County or 2) passed The Florida Bar  
to a



**"New Attorney" Welcome Breakfast**  
**Thursday October 31, 2019 at 7:45 a.m.**

**North End of the Cafeteria**

**Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley Courthouse - West Palm Beach**  
(205 North Dixie Highway)

Meet judges, magistrates, and local attorneys

Reconnect with former college and law school classmates

Engage in an interactive panel discussion with judges and attorneys

Learn about local procedures

Discover over 12 local voluntary bar associations

You **must register** for this **free** event by  
emailing [EKenny@pbcgov.org](mailto:EKenny@pbcgov.org) or calling (561) 355-1952  
no later than October 28, 2019.

*Breakfast with the judges and attorneys 7:45*  
*Hear from the members of the bench and bar 8:15*  
*Meet the voluntary bar associations 9:45*  
*Tour the courthouse (optional) 10:15*  
*Learn about e-filing (optional) 11:00*



**Angelo Gasparri** has been an Inn member since 2015 and currently serves as one of the Programming Committee Chairs. He practices Complex Bankruptcy and Family Law. If you saw Angelo stranded on a desert island, he would be enjoying Pizza while watching "Saving Private Ryan" or "Inception." Always up for excitement, his favorite vacation is "the next one he takes!" He works hard as he is continually striving to get an "A", this must be a leftover motivator from being a student! Practicing Law is Angelo's third career and if he did not have to work for a living, he would write all day. The last book Angelo read is "Dog Company: A True Story of American Soldiers." Ten years from now, Angelo would love to be teaching and training others. Apparently, a major US Retailer once spent millions on a "really bad" TV campaign because he lost an argument. One of Angelo's most memorable Inn experiences was the US Supreme Court Trip to be sworn in as a member of the court.

## GREAT NEWS



Congratulations to Alexcia Cox who received the Justice Barbara Pariente Award from the Palm Beach County Chapter of FAWL. According to those in attendance, "Alexcia gave a beautiful and inspiring acceptance speech."

Congratulations to Inn Member Sean Smith and his Wife, Sarah, on the birth of their son, Whitaker Michael Smith, who arrived on September 22nd.



Andi Amaral has joined Freeman Injury Law as an Associate Personal injury Attorney. Prior to law school, Andi studied Chemical Engineering with a minor in pre-med. Her knowledge of physics and mechanics assist with analyzing how accidents occur while her knowledge of the human body assist with understanding the resulting injuries. Congratulations in your new endeavors.

We love to boast about our membership; please email your great news to: [tami@tamiaugenlaw.com](mailto:tami@tamiaugenlaw.com)

## Recipe of the Month: STROMBOLI

Enjoyed by all at our October dinner, this delicious Italian dish can be made with unlimited goodies inside:



### INGREDIENTS

1 Publix Pizza dough from the Bakery  
1 hot or mild Italian Sausage (not in casing)\*\*  
5 Italian Cheese Blend  
2 pkgs Frozen Chopped Spinach  
Salt and Black Pepper

\*\*For vegetarian option, you can use non-meat sausage substitute or any mixture of sautéed veggies—think mushrooms, peppers, artichoke, zucchini, eggplant, etc!

### YIELD

About 4-6 servings.

### PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; If in casings remove and Sauté Sausage in pan. When browned, drain grease. Thaw Spinach or defrost in microwave and squeeze out all water with your hands in a colander.

\*\*If using veggie sausage substitute or other veggies, Sauté in pan with 1 Tablespoon of oil.

Spray cookie sheet with non-stick veg. spray; Roll Pizza dough out with Rolling Pin and transfer pizza dough onto cookie sheet; Sprinkle dough with sautéed sausage; then sprinkle with Spinach & Cheese blend over sausage chunks; add salt and pepper over all; Roll in jelly roll fashion, seal edges and brush olive oil on top of loaf

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Let cool 20-30 minutes before slicing into 1-2 inch slices and enjoy!

Courtesy of Lilly Catering and Events

Each pupillage group will have an opportunity to enjoy dinner in the Judicial Dining Room in the month prior to their presentation; what month are you in the Judicial Dining Room?

If your pupillage group presents in this month:

You will be in the Judicial Dining Room in this month:

October 2019

September 2019

November 2019

October 2019

January 2020

November 2019

February 2020

January 2020

March 2020

February 2020

April 2020

March 2020



Have a  
creepy and spooky  
Halloween