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HOLD THE DATE

Tuesday, March 3, 2020: 4th DCA Oral Arguments

Saturday, March 14, 2020: Volunteer at
DeGeorge Boys and Girls Club

Friday, April 3 & Saturday, April 4, 2020:
Moot Court Judging at Nova Law School

Wednesday, April 8, 2020: Judges on a Bus

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)~~

2019-2020: SECOND Master Class

Renee Thompson, Esq. presented at the Inn’s Second Master Class on Business Development. On January 22, 2020, Inn members joined the Mentoring Committee as Renee Thompson gave an enlightening and informative presentation in regard to Business Development. Attorney Thompson provided her “Top 10” tips regarding business development which included information regarding how to use technology to automate certain tasks; utilizing social media effectively; and creating an outstanding client experience.



Attendees at the Second Masterclass—Business Development

Legal Ethics

Bar Group Aims For Lasting Impact With Access to Justice Report

By Sam Skolnik

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An upcoming report from a leading legal ethics group could add significant momentum to the growing movement to bridge the chronic legal services gap for middle-class and poorer citizens.

The study from the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers likely will make concrete suggestions, including rule changes, to spur states to increase access to legal services, according to leaders of the group.

This could include suggested changes to Rule 5.4 to open law firm ownership to nonlawyers, alterations that could redefine who can practice law, and reforms to make cross-state border representations easier.

APRL is relatively small when compared with the American Bar Association, but its recommendations in issues like lawyer advertising have carried weight. The group’s access to justice report could be released as soon as August. Both groups have been meeting over the last several days in Austin, Texas.

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FRIDAY AT THE FOURTH
2019-2020: THIRD Master Class

Judge Melanie G. May, and Immediate Past President, Judge Robert M. Gross, both of the Fourth District Court of Appeal, hosted Inn members at this year's Annual Friday at the Fourth for a presentation on Appeals and how to preserve an Appeal in the trial court. Judges Gross and May provided attendees with an overview of the Six General Rules of Preservation and the Six Purposes of Preservation. They discussed effective use of Motions in Limine as well as proffering evidence to create the record for appeal. Additionally, Judges May and Gross discussed the detailed requirements to preserve objections during jury selection as well as some current issues involving family law cases and Motions for Rehearing in connection with same. This highly educational presentation was informative and entertaining!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tami L. Augen Rhodes



Get out of the office! Take a vacation, go on a bike ride, take a nature hike, whatever it is, just do it! That is what I did this past weekend. Sure, I celebrated Valentine's Day doing something I really enjoy with my Husband – going to Disney. But, on Sunday, we ditched the theme park and headed out to Circle B Bar Reserve which is about 1300 acres of protected land in Polk County. We walked at a leisurely pace as I tried out my new camera. As we hit the trail alongside a glistening lake, I sighed and told my friend who was with us, that this is amazing and I am really getting out of my head. What I meant was, wow, this is all new, I am in the moment and present and completely not thinking of everything that needs to be done at the office. I was able to press the reset button and return to face the week with renewed energy and a

different perspective. This made me think about things that we can all do in order to gain a different perspective on what we do everyday.

The first and perhaps most underutilized mechanism is taking a different route – drive the long way home from the office or get off at a different highway exit on your way to the courthouse. You will stop running on auto-pilot and pay attention to your surroundings. Next, if you have been an Inn

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Kelly Schulz is one of our newest Pupillage Group Co-Leaders of Inner Temple, our February Pupillage Group. She became an Inn member in 2019 and has already joined the Leadership Team! Kelly practices Business Litigation with Reid, Burman, Lebedeker, and Xenick and loves how tight-knit the legal profession is, especially locally. If Kelly were on a desert island, you would find her munching on chips and queso while watching her favorite movie – Aladdin!!....oops, that is the group’s skit theme... it would have to be *It’s a Wonderful Life*. Her favorite vacation spot is Budapest.

Kelly’s motion to succeed is driven by the desire to succeed; however, she does enjoy a steady paycheck as well. If she were independently wealthy, however, she would volunteer at an animal shelter and play with puppies all day long. In her quest to become independently wealthy, she must be purchasing some Florida Lottery tickets because in ten years from now, she’ll be carefully investing those winnings while relaxing on a yacht somewhere and reading *Hillbilly Elegy*, a book loaned to her by a fellow Inn Member. Most people who meet Kelly would not know that she is getting married at the end of March 2020 – congratulations! She is diligently working on building her Inns memories and says that “participating as a group leader is eye opening!”



President’s Message

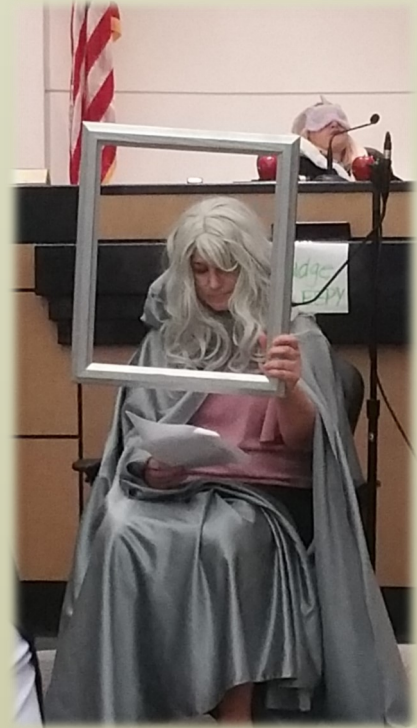
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Member for several years, think about joining the leadership team. Rather than experiencing the Inn as a Member, you will have a unique vantage point to start to understanding the inner workings and connectivity of the Inns of Court. Another idea is, if you are always volunteering to be a mentor, take a shot at being a mentee – even older and more experienced attorneys can learn things. Perhaps you can seek a colleague mentor in a complex matter or to make a career change later in life. Or, you can seek a younger attorney mentor and learn about new technology, apps, or social media usage.

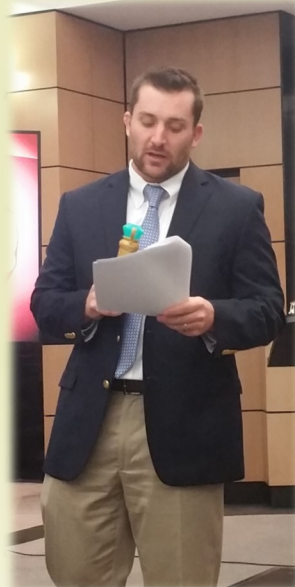
Another change of perspective that you can make is to see someone else’s point of view. Take someone to lunch or coffee. Speak to an opposing counsel about something other than the case – find something that you have in common and develop a connection with that person. It is a lot easier to listen to someone when you see them as a person, not merely as the opposition.

Finally, go to a new environment. As I started out saying, take a vacation, get outside, enjoy the sand on the beaches right in our own county. Whatever it is, we all need time to recharge and reset so that we can come back and be our best for our co-workers, our clients, and, most important, ourselves!

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The timing could be key: The ABA and the Conference of Chief Justices—following the cues of several state and big-city bar groups—have been moving in recent months toward recommending changes designed to address the near-consensus notion that the country is facing an access to justice crisis.

“We are filling a void by looking at the big picture,” said Art Lachman, a Seattle-based ethics and professional responsibility lawyer who is co-chair of APRL’s Future of Lawyering Committee. “The idea is to try to change the way people think about these issues globally.”

The APRL report will include data from state bar disciplinary offices that look at how often current law firm ownership regulations have been violated.

Lachman and committee co-chair Jan Jacobowitz had originally aimed for an earlier release date, but are now glad for the delay, they say, so that they can incorporate lessons learned by the three states experimenting with possible rule changes—California, Utah, and Arizona. They will use the report to address long-standing concerns of some within the ABA, and their own group, about the need to protect lawyer independence and legal services consumers.

The Conference of Chief Justices also recently weighed in on the debate, echoing the ABA’s proposed call for more state-level innovation. The group, which addresses administration of justice issues in the United States on behalf of the top justices in each state’s court system, urged its members Feb. 5 “to consider regulatory innovations that have the potential to improve the accessibility, affordability and quality of civil legal services, while ensuring necessary and appropriate protections for the public.”

If enough states adopt such reforms, it could grant the Big Four accountancies and other alternative legal service providers regulatory latitude to compete directly with the largest U.S. law firms.

“We saw what happened” when the ABA’s Center for Innovation recently released Resolution 115, said Jacobowitz. That proposal, which encourages jurisdictions to consider “innovative approaches” toward increasing access to justice while also ensuring ethics protections aren’t diminished, sparked concerns in the form of a Jan. 30 letter from six state bar presidents and others that argued that the proposal risks hurting the industry’s “critical values.” The opponents said that nonlawyer ownership could lead to compromises in lawyers’ independent professional judgments. Other critics have expressed concerns about the possibility of diminished legal representation.

The list of 20 signers to that letter included at least one APRL member, Tom Wilkinson. And at least one other member of both APRL and the ABA, Dennis Rendleman, has expressed similar concerns.

Jacobowitz, APRL’s current president, and Lachman said they plan to include the views of all sides, including reform critics, as they put together their report. “We want to dispel some of these fears,” Jacobowitz said.

APRL reports on other issues have made their marks before. Most recently, in 2015 and 2016, the group suggested that lawyer advertising rules be streamlined to better focus on reducing false and misleading claims.

The ABA eventually followed suit with its own suggestions—but not before Virginia became the first jurisdiction to embrace the substance of APRL’s suggestions.

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Recipe of the Month: CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES

Surprise Your Valentine



Ingredients:

6 ounces semisweet or milk chocolate, chopped
3 ounces white chocolate, chopped
1-pound strawberries with stems (about 20), washed and dried very well

Directions:

Put the semisweet/milk and white chocolates into 2 separate heatproof medium bowls.
Fill 2 medium saucepans with a couple inches of water and bring to a simmer over medium heat.
Turn off the heat; set the bowls of chocolate over the water to melt. Stir until smooth.
Once the chocolates are melted and smooth, remove from the heat. Line a sheet pan with parchment or waxed paper. Holding the strawberry by the stem, dip the fruit into the dark chocolate, lift and twist slightly, letting any excess chocolate fall back into the bowl.
Set strawberries on the parchment paper. Repeat with the rest of the strawberries.
Dip a fork in the white chocolate and drizzle the white chocolate over the dipped strawberries.
Set the strawberries aside until the chocolate sets, about 30 minutes.

*(Alternatively, melt the chocolates in a microwave at half power, for 1 minute, stir and then heat for another minute or until completely melted.)

Cook's Note

After dipping the strawberries, let the dark chocolate set slightly before drizzling on the white chocolate. You can leave them out 30 minutes at room temperature or speed the process by popping them into the refrigerator for 15 minutes.

Courtesy of Lilly Catering and Events