

BOSTON AMERICAN INN OF COURT

Dear Fellow Inn Member:

Welcome back to the Boston American Inn of Court! We look forward to your continued membership for the upcoming 2020-2021 year. We have a great year planned with a programming theme dedicated to diversity and inclusion in the law. We are looking forward to a solid year of creative, entertaining and informative team presentations.

With large gatherings still currently prohibited in Massachusetts due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Boston Inn of Court will be holding the first half of its monthly meetings virtually using Zoom. After the first half of the Inn year, the Boston Inn of Court will re-evaluate this approach with the goal of resuming in-person meetings as soon as it is safe and practical to do so. This year's meetings will be:

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 Tuesday, October 27, 2020 Tuesday, November 24, 2020 Tuesday, January 26, 2021 Tuesday, February 23, 2021 Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Tuesday, April 27, 2021 Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Monthly meeting notices and RSVPs will be managed through the Inn of Court website. Please look for an email with details regarding the website registration in September.

We hope that you will rejoin us this year. Details, including specific dues and return address, are on the membership renewal form (attached). Please send your completed form with your dues payment to the Boston Inn of Court Treasurer, Corrina Hale, at the address provided on the form. In order to start the year off strong, please return your form and dues by **August 31**, **2020**. Returning your application by the deadline will go a long way in helping us set up the presentation teams and programming schedule before our first meeting in September.

Because the first half of the Inn year will be remote, the Boston Inn of Court dues are being reduced by 50%. National dues will remain at the same levels as last year. If the Boston Inn of Court is unable to conduct in-person meetings this Inn year, it will determine whether a partial refund option is appropriate at the end of the Inn year. The Executive Committee continues to do all it can to keep the dues reasonable. In a typical year, your Boston Inn dues essentially cover the cost of your meals at the Union Club. As you may know, the dues also include an assessment from the national inn – the American Inns of Court. Our affiliation with the national inn has special significance as we are the 100th Inn chapter. We also benefit immensely from the national inn's extensive programming and other resources, including "The Bencher," their flagship publication (published six times a year with articles centered on legal ethics, professionalism, civility, and mentoring). We will continue to let you know of other opportunities from the national inn during the Inn year. With another enriching year at the Inn ahead of us, we look forward to seeing you in September. In the interim, should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>BostonInnOfCourt@Gmail.com</u>.

Best regards, The Executive Committee Boston American Inn of Court