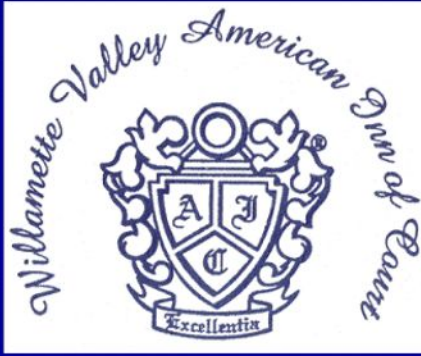


Willamette Valley American Inn of Court

New Member Orientation
September 2021



Welcome!



New Member Orientation Overview

- Welcome & Introductions
- American Inns of Court
- Vision, Mission, Goals
- History of the Inns of Court
- Team Structure
- Resources: IMS, AIC & WVAIC Websites
- Q&A

Welcome New Members

- Spencer Bailly
- Kim Davis
- Shannon Douglass
- Timothy Jr. Downin
- Nathan Garrettson
- Alyssa Gerber
- Ben Goldberg
- David Hayes
- Aaron Jeffers
- Erious Johnson
- Maureen McGee
- Bailey Moody
- Whitney Perez
- Michael Sewell

American Inns of Court

- Over 350 Inns
- Every major city in the US has one
- Not required to join in the US
- No formal or legal relationship with English Inns
- WVAIC is a typical Inn
- Some Specialty Inns
 - Family, Bankruptcy, IP, etc.

Levels of Membership

- **Masters of the bench (benchers)** – judges, experienced lawyers, and law professors
- **Barristers** – lawyers with some experience who do not meet the minimum requirements for Masters
- **Associates** – lawyers who do not meet the minimum requirement for Barristers
- **Pupils** – law students

Vision

- A legal profession and judiciary dedicated to professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence.

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.**

Strategic Goals

- To promote a high quality member experience
- To have a greater impact on the profession
- To be a **primary resource for mentoring and education focused on professionalism**, which includes ethics, civility, and excellence
- To be widely recognized as a **leader in promoting professionalism**, which includes ethics, civility, and excellence
- To have effective ongoing communications with members and alumni of the American Inns of Court
- To establish a highly effective governance structure and culture
- To grow and diversify American Inns of Court revenue streams

History of the Inns of Court

Founded in London

- For Barristers
- In England and Wales

History

- 12th and 13th century law taught in London by the clergy
- 1218 clergy were prohibited from practicing in secular courts
- Resulted in laymen practicing and teaching law
- Henry II and Henry III prohibited teaching within the city of London to protect their schools from competition
- Common law lawyers worked in guilds of law, which became the Inns

Four Inns

Gray's

- Located in Camden near the boundary of London
- Do not have local authority status

Lincoln's

- Located in Camden near the boundary of London
- Do not have local authority status

Inner Temple

- Within historic bounds of London
- Operate as own local authority

Middle Temple

Membership and Governance

Grades of Membership

- Students
- Barristers
- Masters of the bench (benchers)

Irish Inns of Court

- The Honorable Society of King's Inns

Revels

A traditional period of merrymaking and entertainment (annual)

- Extension of the nationwide entertainment period running from All Saints Eve to Candlemas
- Singing, dancing, feasting, mock trials
- Plays, even Shakespeare
- Elected princes
 - Inner Temple – Prince of Sophie
 - Middle Temple – Prince D'Amour
 - Lincolns – Prince of the Grange
 - Grays – Prince of Purpoole
- Died off in the 1600s but back with sketches, songs and jokes

The American Inns of Court

US Chief Justice Warren Burger

- Began in 1970s
- First formed in 1985*

** Caveat, actually smaller ones were forming, first documented was in Salt Lake in 1980, but '85 is when national formed.*

- ❖ Each local Inn is devoted to promoting professionalism, civility, ethics, and legal skills amongst the American bench and bar, in a collegial setting, through continuing education and mentoring
- ❖ AIC strives to help members become more effective advocates and counselors with a keener ethical awareness, learning side-by-side with the most experienced judges and attorneys in their community.

The American Inns of Court Professional Creed

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 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.*

Chief Justice Ed Peterson's idea

- Started by Judge Greg West, Mike McClinton, Don McCann and Kathy Evans.
- First meeting September 17, 1992.
- First program, presented by Chief Justice Peterson's team: *The Clash of the Titans*
- Chief Justice Carson's team won an award for their April 1998 program, which was recognized as one of the best programs in the country.
- These accomplishments were recognized in the *Bencher* magazine.



Serving Marion, Polk, Linn, and Yamhill counties since 1992

To foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility and legal skills for judges, lawyers, academicians, and students of law in order to perfect the quality, availability and efficiency of justice in the United States.

More historical information, photos, and the Inn News Archives are posted on the website.

Achieving Excellence

Justice Wallace P. Carson,
Jr. receives the *Lewis F.
Powell, Jr. Award for
Professionalism and Ethics*

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The American Inns of Court
October 21, 2006
Washington, DC



Revels in the Willamette Valley

May 2013



AIC Achieving Excellence Program

- WVAIC seeking **Gold** standard
- Executive Committee: [Officers](#)
- Meet admin/IMS due dates
- Website or [member handbook](#) (we have both!)
- New member orientation
- Mentoring (informal)
- Assign [teams](#) & [program schedule](#)
- Submit 2+ programs to AIC Program Library
- Member satisfaction surveys (last two posted on WVAIC main page)

Web & Tech Information

- [AIC members page](#)
 - [Program Library](#)
- [WVAIC main page](#)
 - [Program Materials](#)
- Google drive, forms, calendar, email:
WillametteValleyAIC@gmail.com

Inns Management System (IMS)

- Profile management
- Invoice payment (cc option)
- Announcements and reminders (“no-reply”)
- Manage pupilage teams

Q&A