



JOHN C. LIFLAND  
AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The Honorable John C. Lifland, U.S.D.J. (ret.) Receives  
the A. Sherman Christensen Award of the American Inns of Court Foundation

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 18, 2019 -- The Members of the John C. Lifland American Inn of Court today announced that the President of the Inn, the Honorable John C. Lifland, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey (retired), has been awarded the 2019 A. Sherman Christensen Award of the American Inns of Court Foundation for distinguished, exceptional and significant leadership to the American Inns of Court movement.

In presenting the Award to Judge Lifland during a Celebration of Excellence held at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C., Judge Richard Linn, Senior Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit said, "Through Judge Lifland's leadership, the Lifland Inn was and remains the gold standard of the American Inn of Court envisioned by Chief Justice Warren Burger." The late former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey Jerome B. Simandle, wrote of his colleague, "Judge Lifland continues to set a high bar...and is revered, not only for all he has done, but more importantly, for who he is. He has made each of us, judges and trial attorneys alike, better at what we do and how we treat one another."

United States District Judge Stanley R. Chesler, an outstanding leader of the Lifland Inn, said, "Judge Lifland's extraordinary vision and leadership, and the success of the Inn for more than 25 years, has had a demonstrable impact on the quality of advocacy, professionalism and ethics in our legal community." Former Chief Judge, John W. Bissell, U.S.D.J. (ret.), the recipient of the American Inns of Court's Circuit Professionalism Award (2008), said about his long-time friend and former judicial colleague, "Of one thing I am certain, if there is one person active in the Inns of Court movement in New Jersey who deserves the highest recognition for his efforts and

contributions, it is the Honorable John C. Lifland (USDJ-ret.)...This extraordinary gesture (of renaming the Lifland Inn in his honor in 2004) reflects both his significant mentoring efforts as a teaching Master and the esteem in which he is held by the Members of the Lifland Inn.”

With his customary humility and grace, Judge Lifland acknowledged and thanked the many judges and lawyers who have contributed to the enormous success and influence of the Lifland Inn over its 27 years. In an address to the Inn on November 11, 2019, he said, “I was honored at the Supreme Court on October 26 with the American Inns of Court Christensen Award. The tributes were predominantly about the activities and success of our Inn. This could not have happened without the participation, efforts and devotion of the members of our Inn, many of whom have been aboard from the beginning, 27 years ago. Over the years, a lot of creative work has gone into the management and programs of the Inn, and I thank all of you who have contributed.”

#### **About the John C. Lifland American Inn of Court**

In its 27th year as the second chartered Inn in America dedicated to Intellectual Property and Federal Practice, the John C. Lifland American Inn of Court cultivates the pursuit of professional excellence, mentoring of younger lawyers, strengthening of professional relationships, ethics and civility in the practice of law. Members of the Inn include federal judges, Masters, Barristers and Students. As many as 8 to 11 federal judges attend and participate in the Inn’s programs.

The Lifland Inn meets monthly from September to June each year. Student Members of the Inn, working with Barristers, Masters and federal judges, prepare a model case for trial and deliver oral arguments each June before federal judges in the United States District Court at the courthouse in Newark, New Jersey. CLE credit (NJ/NY/PA) is available to Members of the Inn who attend the program meetings. Through the Inn’s membership in the American Inns of Court, Lifland Inn members may visit the Inns of Court in the United Kingdom and Ireland, among other membership opportunities.

The Inn’s Directors are Jeffrey Soos of Saiber, LLC and Mary E. Bartkus of Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP. For more information about the Inn and a membership application, contact Jeffrey Soos 973 622 3450 or [jsoos@saiber.com](mailto:jsoos@saiber.com)

### **About the American Inns of Court**

The American Inns of Court is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the ideals of professionalism, ethics, civility and excellence within the legal community. The American Inns of Court, adapted from the historic English Inns of Court, provide a forum for legal professionals to meet with others in their community to discuss issues of civility and ethics to promote excellence in contemporary legal practice. Today there are more than 350 American Inns of Court in 48 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Tokyo. There are more than 30,000 members nationwide encompassing a wide cross-section of the legal community, including federal and state judges, lawyers, law professors, and law students.

### **More About Judge Lifland**

Judge Lifland was nominated by President Ronald Reagan on February 29, 1988, to a seat on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, a seat vacated by Judge Clarkson Sherman Fisher. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 19, 1988 and received his commission on May 20, 1988. After 19 years of distinguished service, he retired from the federal judiciary on May 31, 2007. Thereafter he joined Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (“JAMS”) as a Neutral where he continues to the present, with particular concentration in patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret cases and most notably pharmaceutical and biotechnology cases. In 2002, Judge Lifland received the William J. Brennan Jr. Award from the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. Judge Lifland was in private practice prior to becoming a federal judge. He received his B.A. from Yale University in 1954 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1957. He is a U.S. military service veteran, having served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1963.

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