

Here is everything your members need to know for January!

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News from National—January 2022

Dear Inn Leaders:

As 2021 comes to a close, the American Inns of Court is excited about what lies ahead. We kick off 2022 with Mentoring Month, which will give way to our annual Leadership Summits. Not to mention there are national awards and programs seeking nominations. Check out the announcements below to see all that is going on in January.

Further down below the announcements—which are designed to be read by Inn leaders to a live audience—you'll find more detailed information on some of our programs and events. If you choose to forward this email instead of using this as part of a live program, simply delete these introductory paragraphs. You can also include this information in your monthly email or upcoming virtual meeting. If you or your members have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

January Meeting Announcements:

Here's what's happening at the American Inns of Court national office as part of your member benefits and some ways for you to get involved:

- **January is Mentoring Month**—Commemorate mentoring as a cornerstone of the American Inns of Court experience by participating in a Mentoring Scavenger Hunt! Participate in a mentoring small group or mentoring pair hunt for national recognition, and perhaps even a special prize. Pairs can find out more at www.pathlms.com/innsocourt/courses/9515 and groups at www.pathlms.com/innsocourt/courses/9629.
- **2021 Annual Appeal**—Thank you for your support! Your generosity supports the American Inns of Court mission, provides for national scholarships and awards, and grows the number of Inns, bringing the message of civility, professionalism, and excellence to potential members nationwide. See a list of donors here: www.innsocourt.org/AIC/Fundraising/Donor_List
- **Apply for a Pegasus Scholarship**—Associate members with two to seven years of experience are encouraged to apply for a 2022 Pegasus Scholarship to study the English legal system in London for six weeks. Get more information and apply at www.innsocourt.org/PegasusScholarships. The application deadline is January 10, 2022.
- **Nominations for the 2022 American Inns of Court's Professionalism Awards are now open.** For more information about the awards, participating circuits, deadlines, and nomination procedures, visit www.innsocourt.org/ProfessionalismAwards.
- **Inn Leadership Development Opportunities**—If anyone is aspiring to a leadership position in the Inn, Leadership Summits are a great way to discover what you need to know to be an effective Inn leader, and to learn from other leaders around the country. Look for information about upcoming dates, locations, and registration information—coming soon.
- **Write for *The Bencher***—The theme for the May/June issue will be Outreach and Pro Bono Projects, and articles are due February 1. Visit www.innsocourt.org/BencherDeadlinesThemes for details.

Further details can be found on the national website at www.innsocourt.org or see me or any one of the Inn's executive committee for more details.

Additional Information:

Mentoring Month—During January, the American Inns of Court recognizes mentoring as a cornerstone of the Inn experience, and members are encouraged to pursue mentoring within the Inn as well as the broader profession. This month, members can also participate in a Mentoring Scavenger Hunt as mentoring pairs or small groups. Complete a set of tasks together and submit “proof” to the American Inns of Court by February 1, 2022. Participants who complete the challenge will be recognized in *The Bencher*, and the first pair or group to do so will get a special prize. Pairs can find more information at www.pathlms.com/innsocourt/courses/9515 and groups at www.pathlms.com/innsocourt/courses/9629. Mentoring resources, such as templates, models and samples, success stories and more are available on the website at www.innsocourt.org/mentoring.

Pegasus Scholarship—Apply for a Pegasus Scholarship to study the English legal system in London for six weeks. Associate members with two to seven years of experience are encouraged to apply for a 2022 Pegasus Scholarship. More information about the scholarship can be found at www.innsocourt.org/PegasusScholarships. The application deadline is January 10, 2022.

Professionalism Awards—Members are invited to nominate a lawyer or judge whose life and practice displays sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law. Visit www.innsocourt.org/ProfessionalismAwards for more information.

Leadership Summits—If you are a current or incoming Inn leader or aspire to lead your Inn in the future, consider attending one of the upcoming Leadership Summits which will be held starting in March through mid-June. Summits focus on the strategic direction of your Inn, assist you in planning for a successful Inn year, and provide opportunities to network with and learn from Inn leaders around the country. Complete details are forthcoming.

Write for *The Bench*—The theme for the May/June 2022 issue will be Outreach and Pro Bono Projects, and articles are due February 1. Many Inns and individuals throughout the country participate in outreach and pro bono service projects. Tell us about the projects with which you or your Inn has been involved. Who were the beneficiaries of the project and how were they positively impacted? How did your community contribute and how did they benefit from their volunteerism? How do outreach and pro bono projects tie into the mission of the American Inns of Court? Visit www.innsocourt.org/BencherSubmissions for details on how to submit an article.

Thank you for your time and please let me know how I can be of service to you and your Inn.

Warmly,

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