

## DANIEL WEBSTER-BATCHELDER AMERICAN INN OF COURT

## **EMERITUS AND ALUMNI POLICY**

In addition to the four categories of active membership (Masters, Barristers, Associates, and Law Students), the Inn recognizes three categories of less-active membership: Emeritus, Honorary, and Alumni members. After the last program of each Inn year, the Executive Board will solicit from all of that year's members a decision regarding whether they will continue as active members, or will seek Emeritus or Alumni status. At that time, the Executive Board may also solicit nominations for Honorary Members from the active members.

**Emeritus Members:** Members who have served as active Masters for at least five (5) years may request Emeritus status. Membership as Emeritus Member may be conferred by two-thirds' affirmative vote of the Executive Board of the Webster-Batchelder Inn. Such membership status may be granted on the basis of long and distinguished service to the Inn. Emeritus Members will retain such membership status for life if they so desire. Any person who has been granted Emeritus status may be reinvited to serve again in an active capacity.

Each Emeritus Member will be assigned to a table. The Emeritus Members will be included on email strands, organizational meetings, and social or networking events hosted by the Inn or the individual table to which the Emeritus Member is assigned. These members are not required to participate in the planning or presentation of the program but are encouraged to feel free to bring their thoughts and experience to the issues addressed by the Program. Emeritus Members shall be under no obligation to pay dues, attend meetings or participate in other programs of the Inn, but will enjoy all privileges of active membership except the right to vote. Emeritus Members will be obligated to pay for the cost of any dinner attended. Emeritus Members will also be required to send notice of their intention to be at a particular meeting when the notice goes out reminding the general membership of an upcoming meeting. This is so a seat can be reserved at their assigned Table. Alumni Members: Alumni Members are members who have participated in the Inn as active members, but who elect to discontinue their memberships, are in good standing at the time of such election, and who notify the Inn through one of its officers that they wish to assume Alumni status. Alumni Members will be listed as alumni in the Inn's membership directory and will be provided access through the Webster-Batchelder Inn to the written CLE materials prepared in connection with each monthly meeting. Alumni Members will be invited to participate in social events outside the monthly meetings and community outreach efforts conducted by the Inn. Alumni Members may also be included in Inn communications and events at the discretion of the Executive Board. Alumni Members are encouraged to nominate new members who would complement the Webster-Batchelder membership goals and Diversity Policy. Alumni Members may not attend monthly meetings, except as an invited guest of an active Inn member, and shall not have the right to vote.

The Executive Board may include Alumni members in communications about general activities and news events concerning the Inn, and may invite Alumni members to re-join the Inn subject to the requirements of active membership. Active members shall be encouraged to maintain communications and relationships with Alumni members for the purpose of disseminating information about Inn activities and to encourage ongoing professional relationships.

Honorary Members: Honorary Members may be elected in perpetuity subject to the discretion of the Executive Board. Nomination can be made by Active, Emeritus, or Alumni Members to the Executive Board and upon a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Consideration for selection is to be based upon distinguished service to the bench or bar, furtherance of Inns of Court objectives, or other noteworthy achievements. Honorary members shall be under no obligation to pay dues, attend meetings or participate in other programs of the Inn, but will have all other privileges of membership.