



## I'ANSON-HOFFMAN INN OF COURT NEWSLETTER

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Hello Inn-members! It's been a while since we last updated you with your favorite newsletter, so please enjoy this latest edition.

First, on behalf of the Inn, thanks for your patience and flexibility with scheduling as we grapple with the limitations that come with Covid-19. It's been unfortunate not gathering in-person, and we know virtual happy hour just isn't the same. That being said, NOTHING will stop the I'Anson-Hoffman Inn from moving forward in this year and the next, and the end of our virtual prison is in sight!

### NEXT MEETING

#### **CLE Virtual Symposium with the James Kent Inn of Court**

**March 17, 2021  
1:00pm – 5:00pm**

**(Please RSVP to Judge K.M. Duffan at [iansonhoffmaninnofcourt@gmail.com](mailto:iansonhoffmaninnofcourt@gmail.com))**

Folks, you don't want to miss this one. The James Kent Inn is having a virtual symposium of three group presentations on some compelling topics. There are many reasons to attend the symposium, but I'll start with the most obvious: **free CLEs!** If you're like me, October can be a stressful month. Here's your chance to avoid the last-minute CLE scramble and get **FOUR** credits, including an expected ethics credit. Don't fret if you can't attend the entire symposium; stay for what you can and you'll get credits for what you attend. Here's the expected lineup of topics:

- 1) Important Takeaways from Practicing During a Pandemic
- 2) How to Get Social Media Evidence Admitted at Trial
- 3) Implications of the Impending Legalization of Marijuana in Virginia

- 4) A Panel Discussion of the Disciplinary Process and Reporting Lawyer Misconduct

The virtual symposium will take the place of our annual joint meeting with the James Kent Inn. It is very generous of their Inn to allow us to participate in their CLE symposium, so let's show up in force and participate!

### FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

The Inn took part in a joint virtual-meeting with the George Mason American Inn of Court on February 23, 2021.



The meeting began with a bartending "CLE" on how to make some exciting cocktails, such as the "Love Potion No. 10." If this is how George Mason starts every meeting, we certainly approve!

After an exciting "student news" segment, the Inn treated us to a presentation on Client Disputes and Legal Malpractice Claims.





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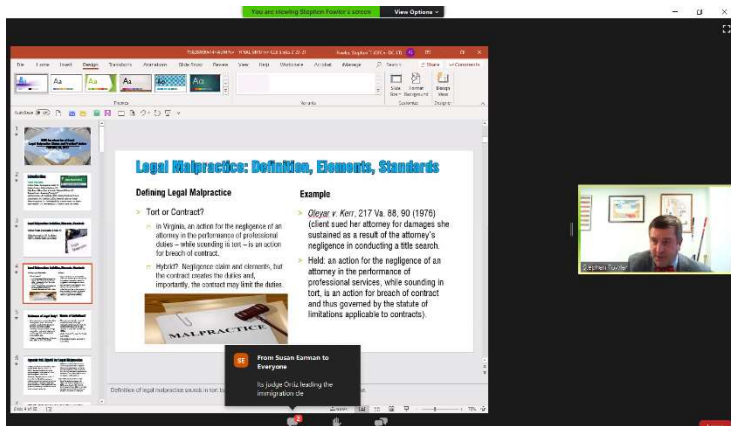
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The program was thorough, interesting, and well-attended by members of both Inns. We learned how incredibly difficult it is to successfully sue your lawyer, particularly in a criminal case. (Not that any of us would worry about that...)

developments led to approval for an upcoming Casino in Norfolk. Delegate Heretick is passionate about his bill which laid the legislative framework for a Norfolk Casino. Here's hoping the Casino brings revenue to the community, and, perhaps an I'Anson-Hoffman Inn Field Trip in 2022?



Jeane Noonan also gave a short but impactful toast. She nominated Micaylee Noreen to serve as toastmaster at our next in-person meeting!

### NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

The Inn met in-person at the Norfolk Yacht Club on November 11, 2020. Pupilage Group 1 led a presentation on the History of Casino and Gaming Laws in the Commonwealth. The presentation featured Delegate Steven Heretick, who was captivating and informative.



Delegate Heretick educated us on the history of gaming legislation in Virginia, and how recent



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### OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

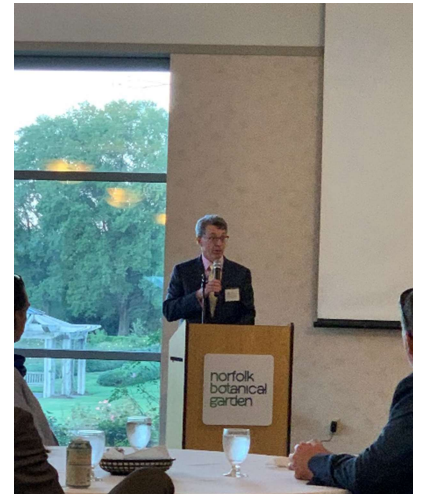


The Inn gathered in-person at the beautiful Rose Hall of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens on October 14, 2020. The venue was scenic and spacious enough to allow for social distancing. A huge thanks to former President Ryan Snow for arranging the venue!

We welcomed new and returning members at this first official meeting of 2020. After sharing some drinks and enjoying the sights, President Gary Mills offered some remarks about the Inn's upcoming year



Toastmaster Patrick Bogan gave a spirited toast about embracing advocacy to overcome adversity. It was an apt topic given the months of adversity we collectively faced, and are still facing. Clearly, it takes more than a pandemic to stop our group of dedicated practitioners.



Finally, we were treated to a fascinating presentation from Professor Bradley Jacob on "court packing" and the increased politicization of the Supreme Court over the last few decades. It was a bold topic with lively discussion from the audience.



It's been a rollercoaster ride over the last few months, but our Inn marches forward, and the future is bright!

Until next time,  
**Andrew Gordon and Micaylee Noreen**  
Newsletter Committee 2020-2021