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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Despite the various challenges that came with the ongoing pandemic, I'Anson-Hoffman Inn pulled off another fabulous year, filled with fellowship, education, and mentorship.



In September 2020, we enjoyed an open-air Fall Social hosted by the always-accommodating

Jim McNider at his lovely water front home along with our fearless leader, Judge Gary Mills.

Then, in October 2020, we were fortunate enough to



gather at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens for our first regular meeting. Bradley Jacobs, Associate Professor at the Regent University School of Law, took us on a guided-tour of the history and challenges associated with the politicization of the United States Supreme Court.



At the November 2020 Inn meeting at the Norfolk Yacht Club, we learned about the law

surrounding the planning, implementation, and legal framework necessary to bring casinos to Southeastern Virginia. We had some lovely speakers impart us with

new knowledge on the law of gaming, including Delegate Steve Heretick.



We took a brief break for the holidays, but by February 2021 we were back and better than ever. We teamed up with a far-flung companion in the George Mason American Inn of Court to host an exciting joint virtual meeting to start 2021 off right. The George Mason Inn put on a wonderful CLE



addressing client disputes and legal malpractice claims. It's normally a challenge to conduct a joint-meeting with an Inn across the state, but our virtual space gave us this great opportunity.

In March 2021, the James Kent Inn was kind enough to invite us to a robust and informative virtual CLE symposium discussing, among other topics, discovery and the admissibility of social media evidence.



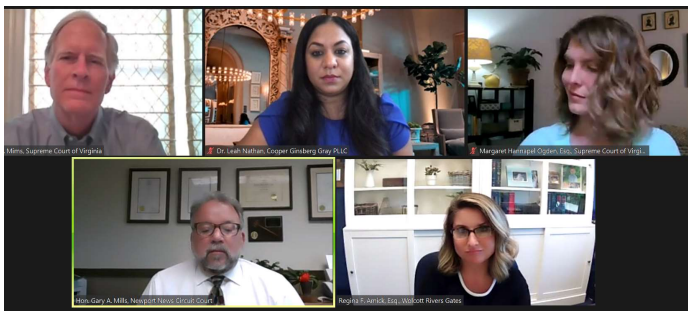
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Next, during the Inn's May 2021 meeting, Pupilage Group 3 put on a spectacular program focusing on lawyer wellness. The first segment featured remarks from Dr. Leah Nathan, a clinical psychologist and "divorce coach" for Cooper Ginsberg Gray PLLC who discussed the unique challenges and stressors that



accompany the legal profession. Justice William C. Mims of the Supreme Court of Virginia also provided deeply personal and inspiring insight into depression and suicide prevention in the practice of law. Margaret Ogden with the Virginia Judges and Lawyers Assistance program spoke about the many resources of non-disciplinary support available to attorneys who may need assistance. After more than a year of facing pandemic-related challenges, the reassurance and strength in the overall message of the May meeting struck the perfect tone.



Lastly, our June 2021 year-end meeting just concluded a few days ago. We were blessed to reconvene at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens for our final gathering of the year and were incredibly grateful to have a candid and captivating speaker in United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia Rossie D. Alston, Jr.

2021-2022 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

At the June meeting, the members elected the following slate of officers and board members:

Officers:

President, Christian Connell, Esq.
Vice President, Hon. Cheshire Everleigh
Treasurer, Hon. Kevin Duffan
Secretary, Regina Amick, Esq.
Past President, Hon. Gary Mills

Board Members:

Director, Hon. David Whitted
Director, Elaine Hogan, Esq.
Director, Fernando Groene, Esq.
Director, Wiley Grandy, Esq.
Director, Andrew Gordon, Esq.

We'd like to say a huge thanks to President Gary Mills and the rest of our outgoing officers and Executive Board for their tireless work in guiding us to a successful year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Obviously, circumstances required creativity with the events this year. In light of that, and our on-going mission to improve our Inn, we ask that you please take a brief survey to provide some feedback:

<https://forms.gle/Q5VLeeXiLs1eY9j67>

We will be reaching out over the summer regarding renewed memberships and to take recommendations for new members, so please keep an eye out for that.

Please have a fun and safe summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Until next time,

Andrew Gordon and Micaylee Noreen
Newsletter Committee 2020-2021