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Dear Colleagues:

We welcome you to another Platinum year for the Garibaldi Inn of Court! We have planned another year of topflight programming, and a schedule of engaging programming for the Inn Year (September 2022 – May 2023) is annexed. As noted below, we will be meeting in-person, while also providing access via Zoom, so please be sure to mark your calendars for the Inn dates and participate in our engaging programs.

In case you might find it helpful in addition to the programming calendar, we also attach the membership brochure and the short *Inn the News* blurb about our Inn, which contains the link to our 20th anniversary video (<https://bit.ly/2OKJz97>). The video highlights and celebrates the unique history and contributions of our Inn.

As you know, we have eight substantive meetings a year. We are determined to resume in-person gatherings with cocktails and networking, followed by dinner and a program at the Basking Ridge Country Club; you may also attend by Zoom if you are not yet up to an in-person

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encounter. All of our meetings – except for those in January, February, and March, as well as any “bonus” programs throughout the year – will be in this hybrid format. Generally, the cocktails and networking will begin at 6:00 p.m. The announcements will then begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program. The meetings usually last until about 8:00 p.m. or so. In December, we will have a Holiday Party to which you are welcome to invite spouses or significant others. Subject to changes in prevailing health and safety guidance, you will need to be either fully vaccinated or have received a negative COVID-19 test result (PCR or rapid) within 48 hours of the meeting to be able to attend in-person. No proof of vaccination or negative test result will be required; by attending in-person you are attesting that you have satisfied that requirement. Masking is also highly encouraged, although not required.

Each year, we attempt to provide varied programs to our membership. Our speakers include nationally recognized professionals, well-known academics, and programs designed and presented by our own highly skilled members. All of our programs are approved for New Jersey/New York (a process based on New Jersey approval) CLE, as well as *R.1:40-12(b)(2)* Annual Mediator Roster Status if you attend at least four (4) hours of mediation programs.

As you will see from the calendar, we begin the Inn Year featuring **Suzanne McSorley**, who will lead an interactive panel, comprising **Steven Bierman**, **Debbie Masucci**, and **Edna Sussman**, on “mixing modes” – combining different processes to promote efficient and effective dispute resolution. We will also present the prestigious Jeydel Award for Excellence in ADR at that meeting. In February, at our annual joint meeting with DRS and NJAPM, we will be joined by **Bill Eddy**, co-author with Michael Lomax of “*Mediating High Conflict Disputes: A Breakthrough Approach with Tips and Tools and the New Ways for Mediation*,” and our good

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friend and colleague **Susan Guthrie** for an introduction to Bill's entirely new approach to mediating high conflict disputes that melds the interests of the matrimonial bar with those of commercial mediators and references some new brain science. In conjunction with that program, we will be providing each Inn Member with a copy of Bill's book. In April, in addition to our regular monthly meeting, we will be presenting via Zoom the second iteration of our joint Inn of Court meeting with the Memphis ADR American Inn of Court, at which we have invited **Professor James Coben** of Mitchell Hamline School of Law, author of the Rethinking Negotiation Teaching Series and the article "Mediation's Dirty Little Secret," as our featured speaker. We bookend our Inn Year with a special visit by distinguished arbitrator and mediator **Al Feliu**, author of the *Feliu Case Summaries*, who will bring us up to date on the latest ADR decisional law.

Our dues this year are again reduced from the regular pre-COVID \$485 to \$450. (Please note that our national per person contribution is \$88.) Please complete either the renewal or new member form when remitting your dues. As noted on the forms, dues should be submitted via physical check. In remitting your dues, please also consider making a donation to the Inn's scholarship for law students established in the name of Justice Garibaldi. This past season, we granted a \$1,000 scholarship to a law student who demonstrated an interest in ADR, Gineen Abuali (Seton Hall), and we encourage you to support our continuing efforts to inspire a new generation of ADR practitioners.

We are counting on each of you to act as an Inn ambassador by taking advantage of the opportunity to **invite a guest** who may be interested in joining our Inn, to attend a meeting at no additional cost, for their initial visit (Holiday Party excepted). You may wish to consider the

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nature of the program and pick one suitable for a prospective member. Please help us increase membership. We are also committed to providing mentors for our new members and to welcome them to our community. You can volunteer to help introduce a new member to others and to provide information on ADR and the Inn movement and to introduce the new member to committees and projects.

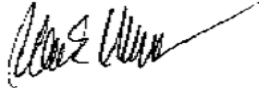
We also encourage you to participate in our Standing Committees, which include Garibaldi Scholarship, Mediation Advocacy Training, Membership, Outreach/Academy, and Programming. Please also let us know if you have an interest in working with the Judiciary to improve the court-annexed mediation and arbitration programs, reaching out to law schools and law students, mentoring new members of the Inn and/or entrants into the ADR field, helping to plan social activities for the Inn, or assisting with maintaining the Inn's website. Specifically, Inn members have actively participated in the development of ADR/CDR both within and outside the courts. We have designated members on the Supreme Court CDR Committee (which includes both mediation and arbitration court policy and rule-making recommendations). Members of the Inn also teach a number of ADR courses in cooperation with the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (NJICLE) and other organizations.

The central purposes of the American Inns of Court are to promote civility, excellence, ethics, and the highest level of professionalism. Our Inn was, for many years, the only Inn in the country focused exclusively on ADR, which we believe is well-aligned with the Inns of Court civility program. We are proud of our Inn's efforts to foster collegiality, in-depth programming, and a commitment to civility through ADR and in promoting ADR in New Jersey.

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We look forward to the year ahead with all of you. We have enclosed an invoice for your convenience, along with renewal and new member forms to complete and return with your dues.

Best regards,



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