

South Carolina Inns Hold Joint Meeting

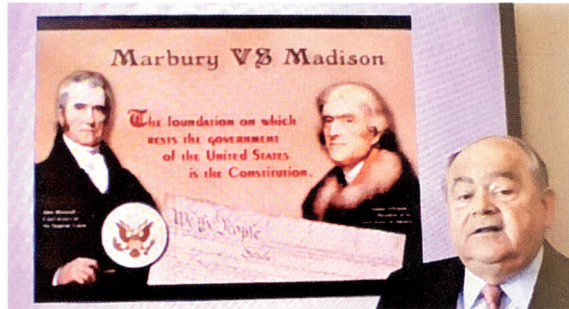
Several South Carolina American Inns of Court held their first joint meeting in February 2021 to remember and celebrate the historic decision in 1803 of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Marbury v. Madison*.

The joint meeting was hosted by the Coastal American Inn of Court of Conway, South Carolina. Participating were the John Belton O’Neill American Inn of Court, of Columbia; James L. Petigru American Inn of Court, of Charleston; Haynsworth-Perry American Inn of Court, of Greenville; Pee Dee American Inn of Court, of Florence; and J. Bratton Davis Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, of Columbia. It was a great opportunity for fellowship in the midst of the pandemic, to connect and reconnect with fellow members of the bar and judiciary, and learn important history lessons from a renowned speaker.

The featured speaker was Chief Judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals James E. Lockemy. In addition to being an accomplished jurist and public servant, Lockemy served in the U.S. armed forces for 43 years, retiring from active service in the U.S. Army as a full colonel and from the National Guard as major general.

Lockemy’s presentation, “Marshall and Jefferson: Hissing Cousins,” gave tremendous insight into the relationship, and rivalry, of Founding Fathers John Marshall and Thomas Jefferson. Lockemy outlined the historic background for the issues leading up to and culminating in the landmark decision in *Marbury v. Madison*. As Lockemy explained, the two statesmen shared the home state of Virginia, the vocation of the law, a penchant for fine wine, political aspirations, and the office of the U.S. secretary of state. However, their views of the power of the presidency and the role of the Supreme Court of the United States were vastly different. Their distaste for one another was an important sidelight in the incredibly weighty decision that was to be made.

As Lockemy explained, the *Marbury v. Madison* decision provided for judicial review, established the court as the proper place to seek redress, changed the Constitution from a purely political document to a legal document, solidified Marshall’s consensus effort on the court, and changed the future of the legal profession. Lockemy’s spirited



Chief Judge James E. Lockemy, of the South Carolina Court of Appeals, during his presentation.

discussion and effective use of vignettes made the history come alive.

This meeting, held virtually, is what the South Carolina Inns expect will be the first of many joint meetings. Interestingly, there were 218 registrants for the joint meeting that was held on the 218th anniversary of the court’s decision. The Inns were honored by the attendance of Michelle M. Runge, director of chapter relations for the Mid-Atlantic region of the American Inns of Court. ♦

Edward P. Gallogly American Inn of Court

The Edward P. Gallogly American Inn of Court in Providence, Kent, and Newport counties in Rhode Island held a celebration of its 25th anniversary in June that served as a joyful in-person reunion for its membership.

The Inn honored its history and its past presidents and inducted its newest officers: President Dadriana A. Lepore, Esquire; Vice President Frank Flanagan, Esquire; Secretary/Treasurer Veronica Assalone, Esquire; and Counselor Judge Karen Lynch Bernard.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Inn continued monthly meetings and continuing legal education programs virtually. Outgoing President Timothy Conlon, Esquire, was honored during the event and recognized for his tireless commitment to the Inn.

Inn members also enjoyed the music of Conlon’s band, JustUS Friends. He offered musical members of the Inn the opportunity to sit in with the band as a unique form of engagement to let their inner rock star out. ♦