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The Justice Virginia Long
Family Law American Inn of Court

APPLICATION FOR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

The Justice Virginia Long Family Law American Inn of Court is now accepting members for its 2023 - 2024 program year. The Inn is an association of legal professionals organized to enhance the professional and ethical quality of family law practice in our community. The Inn offers eight (8) monthly programs that are designed to increase advocacy skills, collegiality, and professionalism among our members. Although we are located in Hudson County, we have members and Judges from other counties, including Bergen, Essex, Union, Passaic and Middlesex. We welcome everyone to join our Inn.

The Inn's upcoming monthly meetings will occur on the following dates for the Fall 2023 Semester:

~~Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Segovia Meson~~ **Postponed To 10/12/2023
Thursday, October 12, 2023 at Segovia Meson
Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Segovia Meson
Friday, December 14, 2023 (location tbd)

All of our Fall 2023 Meetings will take place in-person, and all members must RSVP for the programs no later than 5:00 p.m. ten days before the scheduled program. All of our Fall 2023 programs will be for 2 CLE credits. The dates and times for our Spring 2024 programs are to be determined. The meeting's networking (serving beer, wine and sangria drinks) begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by our legal program commencing at 6:00 p.m. There may be a short intermission for a delicious dinner at 7:00 p.m. followed by the second part of the legal program with coffee and dessert. Meetings are held at Segovia Meson, 645 Washington Avenue, Carlstadt, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified.

This year, the cost for Masters and Barristers for the Fall 2023 semester will be \$262.50, and the cost for Associates will be \$225.00 (*reflects the postponement of the September 2023 meeting to October 2023*). Any members who paid for the 2021-2022 semester in full will receive a 50% credit of those dues (\$87.50 for Masters and Barristers and \$75.00 for Associates) toward their Fall 2023 Membership. The cost for Masters and Barristers for the Spring 2023 semester will be \$350.00, and the cost for Associates will be \$300.00. As a special incentive, the Inn will also have free parking, which is located at the restaurant's parking lot as part of the membership fee for all in-person meetings. This Fall 2023 membership includes the 3 monthly legal presentations with program materials (in the Fall Semester, 2 CLE credits per program, dinner & wine/sangria/beer bar (during in-person meetings), free parking (during in-person meetings) and membership in the American Inns of Court Foundation.

We are continuing our Inn policy of welcoming Judges from all counties to attend our monthly meetings as honorary guests at no cost. In addition, Judicial Law Clerks are also welcome to attend Inn meetings at no cost.

Our first program, “The Current Status of the Judiciary” originally for Thursday, September 14, 2023 has been postponed and is now scheduled on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.). Don’t miss out on this great program with our very experienced and well-respected panel of Judges.

This year, the Board is inviting members to join any of the following committees:

- 1) Programming Committee: Organizing one or more of the monthly legal presentations and/or presenting at one of the monthly legal presentations.
- 2) Membership Committee: Recruiting and marketing to maintain membership and recruit new members to join our Inn.
- 3) Mentorship Committee: Organizing and pairing experienced attorneys/judges with younger attorneys/associates for mentoring.

If you are interested in joining our small but dedicated group of committed attorneys, Judges, and clerks, please fill out the attached two-page application/certification at the end of this letter. Also,

please follow us on Facebook: **@thejusticevirginialongfamilylawamericaninnofcourt** and check out our website: **<https://inns.innsocourt.org/for-members/inns/the-justice-virginia-long-family-law-american-inn-of-court.aspx>** for updates and additional information.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to educate, learn and socialize with your colleagues! We look forward to a great year!

Criteria for Membership Levels:

<i>Master:</i>	<i>Family Law Judges and Attorneys admitted 15+ years</i>
<i>Visiting Master:</i>	<i>Attorneys with 15+ years' experience in a field outside of family law</i>
<i>Barrister:</i>	<i>Attorneys admitted between 5 and 14 years</i>
<i>Associate:</i>	<i>Attorneys admitted less than 5 years</i>
<i>Law Clerk:</i>	<i>Judicial Law Clerks</i>

Please return the completed Application and check made payable to The Justice Virginia Long Family Law American Inn of Court and mail the membership application and check to:

The Justice Virginia Long Family Law American Inn of Court
c/o Ashley Vallillo Manzi, Esq.
MANZI EPSTEIN LOMURRO & DECATALDO, LLC
546 Valley Road, Suite 201, Montclair, New Jersey 07043
50 Harrison Street, Suite 203C, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Alternatively, you can send your completed membership application to Rosemary N. Gushiken, Esq. at: rgushikenesq@gmail.com, and send the check for your membership dues to Ashley Vallillo-Manzi, Esq. at the address listed above.

Thank you for your interest and commitment to this worthwhile educational and social endeavor. We reserve the right to designate the appropriate membership classifications. If you have any questions, please email or call:

Ashley Vallillo Manzi, Esq. at ashley@meldlaw.com or (973) 860-7211

or

Rosemary N. Gushiken, Esq. at Rgushikenesq@gmail.com or (201) 575-5844.



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2023 - 2024 Membership Application

1. Name _____
2. New Jersey State Bar I.D. _____
3. Number of years in practice _____
4. Other jurisdictions and dates of admission

5. Are you presently in good standing in the jurisdictions in which you have been admitted?
Yes _____ No _____ If no, please explain.

6. Name of Firm _____
Address _____
Telephone Number(s) _____
E-mail address _____
7. Are you compliant with New Jersey Continuing Legal Education Requirements?
Yes _____ No _____
8. I am applying for the Membership Level indicated below:
 Master
 Visiting Master
 Barrister
 Associate
 Law Clerk
9. Please provide three topics you would be interested in and/or whether you would be interested in presenting any of them:
(i) _____ (ii) _____ (iii) _____

CERTIFICATION

___ I hereby certify that I am a Member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, and I am in good standing with the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

___ I certify that I have been in the practice of law for ___ years or more, and that I have devoted a substantial portion of my time to the practice of matrimonial law.

___ I certify that I am currently employed as a Judicial Law Clerk.

___ I understand that as a Member of the Inn, I am required to pay the membership fee of \$225.00 for the Fall 2023 semester and \$350.00 for the Spring 2024 semester as a Master or Barrister for the 2023 - 2024 term.

___ I understand that as a Member of the Inn, I am required to pay the membership fee of \$225.00 for the Fall 2023 semester and \$300.00 for the Spring 2024 semester as an Associate for the 2023 - 2024 term.

Signature: _____

Date: _____