



James C. Cawood, Jr. Inn of Court

MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL APPLICATION:

2023-24 (JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024)

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1. Full Name: _____
2. Preferred Name for Name Badge: _____
3. Mailing Address: _____

4. Office Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
5. E-Mail Address: _____
6. Year you joined the Inn: _____ 6b. Year Admitted to the Bar: _____

7. I AM A: **NEW** Member
 RENEWING Member

8. DUES: **ANNUAL DUES** (for 2023-24 Term):
- Judge or Magistrate (Currently: Active Retired)¹..... \$ 125 / 126.25 (Zelle)
 - Admitted to the Bar for 15 years or more & Emeritus²..... \$ 350 / 353.50 (Zelle)
 - Admitted to the Bar for 6 years to 14 years..... \$ 250 / 252.50 (Zelle)
 - Admitted to the Bar for 1 year to 5 years..... \$ 125 / 126.25 (Zelle)
 - Admitted to the Bar for less than 1 year & Bench Law Clerks.... \$ 95 / 95.95 (Zelle)
 - Pupil (Law Student).....\$ 75 / 75.75 (Zelle)
 - Voluntary Contribution to: Scholarship Fund Any Need: \$ _____

Check No.: _____ enclosed (make payable to: "Cawood Inn of Court") or enter "Zelle."

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (check one):

- Master** (15 or more yrs of experience) **Barrister** (3-14 yrs experience)
- Associate** (fewer than 3 yrs experience) **Pupil** (law student)

9. Name of Firm / Employer: _____
10. Occupation / Area(s) of Law Concentration: _____
11. Masters: Are you willing to serve as a Pupilage Team Leader? Yes No
12. Masters and Barristers: Are you willing to be a mentor for Inn members? Yes No
13. Associates and Pupils: Would you like to be assigned a mentor in the Inn? Yes No

¹ Judges and Magistrates are automatically granted Emeritus Status (see below) – check if you **DO** want to participate in a pupilage group:

² Emeritus status is available upon request to Masters who do **not** want to participate in a pupilage group - check to elect Emeritus Status:

What is an American Inn of Court?

The American Inns of Court is an association of lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals from all levels and backgrounds who share a passion for professional excellence.

Through regular meetings, members build and strengthen professional relationships; discuss fundamental concerns about professionalism and pressing legal issues; share experiences and advice; exhort the utmost passion and dedication for the law; provide mentoring opportunities; and advance the highest levels of integrity, ethics, and civility.

Our Inns have gained a national and international reputation as an organization that bridges the gap between formal law school education and legal practice by offering career-long continuing education in the Common Law tradition. This unique association encourages meaningful mentoring relationships. We are one of the very few legal organizations that involve the entire spectrum of the profession: from law students to supreme court justices; every level of federal and state judges; all size firms; and legal educators. All have the opportunity to learn and grow without limit.

Membership is divided into "pupilage teams" with each team consisting of members with varying levels of experience. Each pupilage team conducts one program for the Inn each year. Pupilage team members gather informally outside of monthly meetings in groups of two or more. This allows less-experienced attorneys to become more effective advocates and counselors by learning from more-experienced attorneys and judges.

In this collegial environment, outside the courtroom and pressure of daily practice, members discuss legal practice, principles, and methods. Academicians, specialized practitioners, and generalists provide a mix of skill, theory, experience, and passion. This fluid, side-by-side approach allows seasoned judges and attorneys to help shape students and newer lawyers with practical guidance in serving the law and seeking justice.



The James C. Cawood, Jr. American Inn of Court

Our Inn meets in Annapolis once a month, September through May (except January), for dinner and an entertaining educational program. In September, we meet on the second Thursday of the month; all other months we meet on the first Thursday of the month.

We invite you to experience our Inn and see for yourself why ours is so special.

Questions? Contact:

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