

BOSTON AMERICAN INN OF COURT

I would like to invite you to join me as a member of the Boston American Inn of Court for the Inn's upcoming 2024-2025 season. This season's theme is "Ripped From The Headlines" and each month the Inn's membership will explore the legal issues in major cases that affect the law, lawyers and judges and/or fascinate the public. I am looking forward to another solid year of thought-provoking, entertaining, and informative team presentations.

The Boston Inn of Court will meet at the UMass Club located on the 32nd Floor of One Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108. Parking is provided after 4:00 at the One Beacon garage for a flat fee of \$8. The meetings will begin at 5:30 with a full cocktail hour followed by a seated dinner at 6:00 and team presentations at 7:00. The meetings will end promptly at 8:00. This year's meetings will be:

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Tuesday, October 29, 2024 Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Tuesday, January 28, 2025 Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Monthly meeting notices and RSVPs will be managed through the Inn of Court website. If you join the Inn, you will receive an email with details regarding the website registration in early September.

I hope that you will join me in the Inn this year. Details about the dues structure are on the membership application form (attached). Please send your completed form with your dues payment to the Boston Inn of Court Treasurer, Heather Baer, at the address provided on the form. Please return your form and dues by **August 31, 2024**. Returning your application by this deadline will help me match you with a strong team of other lawyers and judges who you will partner with throughout the year and for your team presentation. You will receive your team list and the complete the Inn programming schedule before the first meeting in September.

Dues include the cost of the cocktail hour and the plated three-course meals at each of our (8) eight dinner meetings. They also include your membership fee for the American Inns of Court (AIC). Our Inn's affiliation with this national organizatioon has special significance as we are the 100th American Inn of Court chapter. We also benefit immensely from the AIC's extensive programming and other resources, including "The Bencher," their flagship publication (published six times a year with articles centered on legal ethics, professionalism, civility, and mentoring). As an AIC member, you will access to exclusive trainings and events held at the national level, including the Boston AIC's Annual SCOTUS Swearing-In. We will let you know about all upcoming AIC opportunities at each meeting throughout the Inn year.

<u>Guest Policy</u>. We encourage members to bring guests. The guest fee is \$100.00 for this season and this fee includes the guest's full participation in the cocktail hour and dinner. Please bring a check for payment of the guest fee to the meeting (or pay by Zelle at bic.zelle@gmail.com). The host is responsible for the guest fee even if the guest cancels as we still have to pay for the meal. If a team chooses to have guest speakers and the speaker is present for the meal, the team is expected to pay the guest fee for each speaker. Should a guest choose to apply to join the Inn and be accepted to join the Inn mid-year by the Executive Committee, previously paid guest fees will be subtracted from their dues.

With another enriching year at the Inn ahead of us, we look forward to seeing you in September. In the interim, should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at **BostonInnOfCourt@Gmail.com**.

Hon. David J. Breen, President

Caroline Merck, Esq. Co-President