



James C. Cawood, Jr. Inn of Court

MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL APPLICATION: 2024-25

(JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025)

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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: _____ Year first admitted to the Bar (in any state): _____
 7. I am a: **NEW** Member **RENEWING** Member
 8. DUES: *If paid by Credit/Debit/Zelle, add \$10 processing fee to the following:*
 - Judge or Magistrate (Currently: Active Retired)¹..... \$ 185.00
 - Admitted to the Bar for 15 years or more & Emeritus²..... \$ 410.00
 - Admitted to the Bar for 6 years to 14 years..... \$ 310.00
 - Admitted to the Bar for 1 year to 5 years..... \$ 185.00
 - Admitted to the Bar for less than 1 year & Bench Law Clerks.... \$ 155.00
 - Pupil (Law Student)..... \$ 135.00
 - Voluntary Contribution to: Scholarship Fund Any Need: \$ _____
- Paid by: **Check No.:** _____ **enclosed** (make payable to: “**Cawood Inn of Court**”)
 Zelle (online) Credit/Debit Card (on-site at meeting)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Master (15 or more yrs of experience) | <input type="checkbox"/> Barrister (3-14 yrs experience) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (fewer than 3 yrs experience) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil (Law Student) |

9. Name of Firm / Employer: _____
10. Occupation / Area(s) of Practice: _____
11. Masters: Are you willing to serve as a Pupilage Group Leader? Yes No
12. Masters and Barristers: Are you willing to be a mentor for Inn members? Yes No
13. Would you like to be connected with 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 are able to build and strengthen professional relationships; discuss fundamental concerns about professionalism and pressing legal issues of the day; 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 uniquely non-partisan association encourages meaningful mentoring relationships. We are one of the very few legal organizations that involve the whole spectrum of the profession: from law students to supreme court justices; every level of federal and state judges, small firms to large firms; legal educators to law students. All have the opportunity to learn and grow without limit.

Membership is divided into "pupillage teams," with each team consisting of a few members from each membership category depending on the members' level of experience. Each pupillage team conducts one program for the Inn each year. Pupillage team members gather informally outside of monthly meetings in groups of two or more. This allows the less-experienced attorneys to become more effective advocates and counselors by learning from the 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 complementing 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. Inn of Court



Headquartered in Annapolis, the members of the James C. Cawood, Jr. Inn of Court come together to pursue professional development, ethical inquiry, collegial relations and a good time. As the "home" Inn to the state capital, our chapter has historically sponsored joint meetings with other American Inns of Court in Maryland. Among other things, we're known for our annual Historic Trial presentation which takes place each April – a tradition started by Judge Cawood, for whom our Inn is named.

Our Inn is extremely proud to be one of only 15 or so Inns in the United States to have achieved Platinum status in the Achieving Excellence program for each of the last fourteen (14) years for providing quality programming, professional development and mentoring opportunities, community outreach, and a number of other criteria.

Our Inn meets in Annapolis once a month on the first Thursday of every month, September through May (except January), for dinner and an educational (and often entertaining) program.

2024-25 Meeting Dates:

September 12th, October 10th, November 7th, December 5th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, and May 1st.

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

For more information, contact:

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