

**Chester Bedell Inn of Court**

**Membership Application**

The Chester Bedell Inn of Court is an association of lawyers, judges, and law students dedicated to professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence. Members include benchers (members of The Florida Bar with more than fifteen years of experience), barristers (members of The Florida Bar with five to fifteen years of experience), associates (members of The Florida Bar with up to five years of experience), and pupils (law students). Benchers serve five-year terms, barristers serve three-year terms, associates serve two-year terms, and pupils serve one-year terms. The Inn provides an excellent opportunity for professional growth, networking, and mentorship at any stage of a member’s career.

Inn membership requires payment of yearly dues and attendance at monthly Inn meetings, occasional pupillage-group meetings, and occasional events. The current dues are $375 for associates, $500 for barristers, and $525 for benchers. Government employees other than judges pay discounted rates, which are $300 for associates and barristers and $350 for benchers.

Every member is assigned to a pupillage group. At each monthly meeting, one pupillage group presents a program on a legal topic. Programs can involve speakers, panels, demonstrations, slides, interactive activities, and more. The presentation is for the entire Inn’s benefit, while preparation for the program allows members to conduct interesting research, practice professional skills, and get to know and work with each other.

To apply for membership, please email your resume and a completed copy of this application to the Inn’s administrator, Melissa Moon, at [mam@bedellfirm.com](mailto:mam@bedellfirm.com). In your email, please identify whether you are applying to be a bencher, barrister, or associate. The deadline is **March 31, 2025**.

**Personal Information**

Name:

Employer:

Address:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:

Type of practice or specialty:

Year admitted to The Florida Bar:

Other bar admissions (include state and year of admission):

**Educational Background**

Law school and graduation year:

Undergraduate institution, degree, and graduation year:

Other post-secondary educational information (if applicable):

**Professional Associations**

Please identify any professional organization you are involved in and your role in each identified organization:

**Interest and Commitment**

Please explain why you are interested in joining the Inn:

Please describe at least two program topics or ideas for an Inn meeting that you would help organize if selected for membership. (The ideal program would last approximately an hour and address an interesting aspect of practicing law.):

Please confirm that if you are selected for membership, you will commit to paying the dues, making every effort to attend each meeting, and assisting your pupillage group in the presentation of one program a year:

**References**

Please provide the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of two references. Your references should be able to vouch for your work and character. They need not be Inn members or alumni, but they will ideally be familiar with the Inn’s purpose and values:

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