

## **RANDY H. LEE AMERICAN INN OF COURT 2025 - 2026 PROGRAM YEAR**

When reviewing member feedback on how to improve our chapter, a common suggestion was to diversify the presentation styles. To assist with this effort, select teams have a “Program Library Resource” section. This section contains information on an interactive program on the suggested topic that other Inn of Court chapters across the country have utilized. Feel free to go to the Program Library found [here](#) and search the bolded phrase in the “Keyword” search box. After searching the bolded phrase, a program will appear that can be downloaded and reviewed for your presentation. These programs contain instructions on how to organize the presentation and all the materials used by the chapter that submitted the program. Please keep in mind these are programs other chapters have used, so *teams should carefully review materials and update information to make the presentation applicable to our local chapter*. As always, other than the elimination of bias topic, the below topics are only suggestions, so your team is free to change the topic and choose the presentation style.

### **SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 MEETING**

#### **Proposed Topic:**

#### **Mentorship**

#### **Pupillage Team #1:**

**Benchers:** Julia Ernst  
Kimberly Dasse (co-chair)

**Barristers:** Jacqueline Bergstrom  
Sarah Gereszek

**Associates:** Elizabeth Behrens (co-chair)  
Alivia Olson

**Pupil:** Monica Birdbear

## OCTOBER 14, 2025 MEETING

**Proposed Topic:** Communication and Practicing Civil Dialogue

**Pupillage Team #2:**                      **Benchers:**     Bradley Myers  
Ariana Meyers (co-chair)  
Carmell Mattison

**Barristers:** Sarah Atkinson  
Cassie Scheving  
Brittany Wollin (co-chair)

**Associate:** Yusuf Abas

**Pupil:** Camila Almonacid

**Program Library Resource: Carnival of Conversations: Mastering Discourse in Law and Life**

- Following this year’s theme of “Legal Ethics in a Polarized World,” this immersive program focused on engaging civilly on challenging topics. To that end, the presenters designed a “Carnival of Conversations” that allowed pupillage groups to rotate through five carnival booths, engaging in hands-on exercises related to civil dialogue. As members moved between booths, they participated in dynamic activities that tested their listening skills, challenged their biases, and provided hands-on practice in managing misinformation, logical fallacies, and de-escalation techniques. Each booth was meticulously designed to blend legal education with interactive learning, utilizing techniques from cognitive science and adult learning theory to reinforce key concepts. In a world where civil discourse is becoming a lost art, this program provided a roadmap for restoring it—one conversation at a time.

## **NOVEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING**

**Proposed Topic:**

**Ethics**

**Pupillage Team #3:**

**Benchers:**

Marianne Knudson (co-chair)  
Scott Jensen

**Barristers:**

Kiara Kraus-Parr (co-chair)  
Megan Essig  
Cassie Tostenson

**Associate:**

Brittney Lewis  
Erik Hanson

**Pupil:**

Erin Cummings

**Program Library Resource: Fiduciary Feud: A Game of Unpopular Clients and Causes**

- "Fiduciary Feud" is an interactive MCLE that engages participants in considering the ethical implications of representing unpopular clients and causes. Participants watch pre-recorded videos in which fictional attorneys face unpopular clients and causes: an antisemitic criminal defendant and his Jewish public defender; a devious politician who seeks counsel on how to use campaign funds for his divorce settlement; and a controversial comedian whose edgy jokes land him in hot water and in need of legal advice. Participants then answer questions, Family Feud style, relating to the ethical issues implicated by the scenes. Speakers provide additional background by presenting the relevant ethical rules, case law, and real-world examples.

### **FEBRUARY 10, 2026 MEETING**

**Proposed Topic:**

**Elimination of Bias: Race**

**Pupillage Team #4:**

**Benchers:** Jessica Ahrendt  
Paul Traynor  
Sarah Cannon (co-chair)  
Theodore Sandberg

**Barristers:** Andria Pinkerton (co-chair)

**Associate:** Kelsey Medford  
Justin Borgen

**Pupil:** Samantha Ledahl

### **MARCH 3, 2026 MEETING**

**Proposed Topic:**

**Boundaries for Attorney Wellness**

**Pupillage Team #5:**

**Benchers:** Blake Klinkner (co-chair)  
Michael McGinniss  
John Warcup  
Andrew Eyre (co-chair)

**Barristers:** Matt Paulson

**Associates:** Zachary Tomczik

**Pupil:** Sam Meidinger

**APRIL 7, 2026 MEETING**

**Proposed Topic:**

**Jeopardy**

**Pupillage Team #6:**

**Benchers:** Alice Senechal  
Nikola Datzov  
Howard Swanson (co-chair)

**Barristers:** Samuel Gereszek (co-chair)  
Alyssa Nefstead

**Associates:** Robert Agnes  
Kenneth Carlsen

**Pupil:** Madison Schoenberg