



THE GILES S. RICH AMERICAN INN OF COURT

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May Symposium and Annual Dinner Recap

The Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court concluded its 2010-2011 year by collaborating with other bar organizations to host a pair of momentous events in May, led by Inn President Judge Susan Braden.

On Friday, May 20, the Inn co-sponsored a Symposium on U.S. and Canadian patent law. The Rich Inn was pleased to co-host the event with the Intellectual Property Law Section of the American Bar Association and the National Intellectual Property Section of the Canadian Bar Association.



Held in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the Symposium featured an impressive array of speakers from the United States federal judiciary, including Chief Judge Royce Lamberth of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

and our own Rich Inn members, Judge Richard Linn and Judge Timothy Dyk of the Federal Circuit, and Inn President Judge Susan Braden of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.



Inn President Judge Susan Braden moderates a trial court panel consisting of Chief Judge Royce Lamberth, Justice Roger Hughes, and Bruce Stratton (L-R)



Paul Clement, Justice Marshall Rothstein, Donald Macodrum, and Judge Timothy Dyk participate on a Supreme Court panel (L-R)

We were particularly honored to welcome Canadian judges as panelists: Justice Marshall Rothstein of the Supreme Court of Canada, Justice Carolyn Layden-Stevenson of the Federal Court of Appeals of Canada, and Justice Roger T. Hughes of the Federal Court of Canada. Additionally, several distinguished practitioners from the U.S. and Canada participated in the Symposium, sharing their advice and anecdotes: Bruce Stratton of Dimock Stratton, Susan

Beaubien of Moffat & Co., Paul Clement of Bancroft PLLC, Donald H. Macodrum of McMillan LLP, and Rich Inn member Don Dunner of Finnegan Henderson.



Don Dunner, Susan Beaubien, and Justice Carolyn Layden-Stevenson (L-R)

The Symposium was a great success and drew attendees from all across the United States and Canada. We adjourned to Dolley Madison House following the Symposium's final session for a reception.

The BNA Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal covered the Symposium and featured a more detailed write-up of the Inn's event. The article is titled, "U.S.-Canada Patent Law Symposium Reveals Commonalities and Exposes Key Differences," 82 PTCJ 113 (5/27/11), available at <http://www.bna.com> (subscription required). A PDF copy of the article accompanies this newsletter recap.



On Saturday, May 21, the Rich Inn held its Annual Dinner at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. The black-tie affair was an elegant celebration of the Inn's year, and we were grateful for the hospitality of the Embassy staff. Honorable C. Boyden Gray, former U.S. Ambassador to Canada, delivered a few opening remarks, and Political Minister Kevin O'Shea of the Canadian Embassy welcomed the attendees.



Judge Richard Linn and Hon. C. Boyden Gray



*Political Minister Kevin O'Shea,
Canadian Embassy*

David Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, provided a brief speech at dinner, and Justice Rothstein offered his thoughts and gratitude for the Symposium and Dinner.



Joan Ellis, Mentoring and Award Chair, recognized Josh Miller, a former intern to Judge Braden, for his contributions to the Giles S. Rich Inn during the past year and presented him with a token of appreciation.





Rich Sterba, Inn Vice President, acknowledged the many contributions that outgoing President Judge Susan Braden has made to the Inn. We are grateful for her tireless efforts toward the successful Symposium, the beautiful Annual Dinner, and entire 2010-2011 Inn year.

Thank you, Judge Braden!

The Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court extends its sincere appreciation to the American Bar Association, Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Embassy, and the National Courts Building staff for making the Symposium and Annual Dinner a terrific success.

We hope you enjoy the summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September for the start of a new term!

Membership information for 2011-2012 will be transmitted over the summer months, so please monitor your e-mail for renewal notices.

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