



THE GILES S. RICH AMERICAN INN OF COURT

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April Meeting Recap

In the past, the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court has held one meeting during each term at a member law school in the D.C. metropolitan area. We are fortunate to benefit from the energy of students and faculty at a number of law schools, and this special meeting offers the schools the opportunity to showcase their facilities and enthusiasm for the Inn's core interests.

This year, the George Mason School of Law generously hosted the Rich Inn of Court's April meeting. Dean Richard Kelsey, himself an alumnus of George Mason Law, delivered opening remarks and welcomed Inn members to a wonderful, new ballroom in Founders Hall. He pointed out that Judge Rich had a personal tie to the law school's intellectual property and patent law program, making the evening a fitting tribute to the Inn's namesake.



Judge Timothy Dyk and Dean Richard Kelsey

The theme of the evening's program was "Dining with Bench and Bar," and the Inn welcomed judges from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and judges from the U.S. International Trade Commission. Members of Pupilage Group 7 contributed to the success of the meeting, led by John Witherspoon and Judge Ted Essex.



USITC Judges Robert Rogers, Charles Bullock, and Theodore Essex, District Judge Anthony Trenga, and USITC Chief Judge Paul Luckern (L-R)



The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Tony Dutra, a Legal Editor for BNA's Patent, Trademark and Copyright Journal. Mr. Dutra, who has a wealth of experience as a journalist and earned a J.D. degree from the George Washington University School of Law, shared his views on the changing world of journalism and print publications; the role of specialty periodicals such as BNA compared to major players such as the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal; and the future of intellectual property journalism.



Tony Dutra



John Witherspoon



*Dean Richard Kelsey, Tony Dutra,
and USITC Judge Theodore Essex (L-R)*

The Giles S. Rich Inn extends its warm appreciation to the George Mason School of Law for hosting an evening of conversation over dinner. We also appreciate the judges who were able to attend the meeting and the Inn members who made the program possible.

All photographs courtesy of Associate Historian/Reporter Charles Rones

We look forward to seeing you at the Rich Inn of Court's special May events. On **Friday, May 20, 2011**, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Inn will hold a **U.S.-Canadian Patent Law Symposium** in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. (The Symposium will be in lieu of a May evening program.)

The Inn's **Annual Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, May 21, 2011**, at the Canadian Embassy. RSVPs are due by April 25 to Inn Treasurer Raj Gupta.

Please monitor your e-mail accounts for forthcoming reminder messages.



Community Outreach Activities

In April, members of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court participated in two activities in the DC metro area as part of the Inn's efforts in community outreach.

1. Science Fair Judging

Inn President Judge Susan Braden and members Kathi Cover, Jeoyuh Lin, Priya Viswanath, and Bryant Young served as judges for the 2011 District of Columbia Science and Engineering Fair. Held on April 2nd at the DC Armory, the fair featured the science projects of many local students competing for top honors. Thanks to all of our volunteers for representing the Rich Inn of Court and for contributing their time. We also thank Bryant and Jennifer Johnson for coordinating the Inn's effort.



2. MDA Muscle Walk

We greatly appreciate Tamara Teslovich's hard work in organizing the Inn's participation in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Muscle Walk." Tamara provided the following:

Thanks to the generous donations of members of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court, team "Legs for Lane" raised \$1,550 to help fund research and services for families in DC and Virginia served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Inn members Tamara Teslovich and Charles Rones represented the Inn at the April 2, 2011 Muscle Walk at George Mason University where a combined total of over \$100,000 was raised proving that it only takes one muscle to walk – your heart.

