



# THE GILES S. RICH AMERICAN INN OF COURT

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## January Meeting Recap

On January 11, the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court was pleased to hold a joint meeting with the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court.

The evening's program was titled "The Value of Having an Appellate Lawyer on a Patent Trial Team." It was led by the Honorable Timothy Dyk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and Alyson Barker, a former student member of the Rich Inn and current senior associate at Howrey LLP in Irvine, California.



*Rich Inn President Susan Braden with  
Coke Inn President Christopher J. Wright*

The program featured a panel of speakers that included Thomas G. Hungar, Kannon K. Shanmugam, and Richard G. Taranto. Mr. Hungar is a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP where he is Co-Chair of the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group. Mr. Hungar has also served as Deputy Solicitor General and Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States. Mr. Shanmugam is a partner at Williams & Connolly LLP where he focuses on Supreme Court and appellate litigation. Mr. Shanmugam has also served as Assistant to the Solicitor General. Mr. Taranto is a partner with Farr & Taranto and is member of the Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules to the U.S. Judicial Conference. He too served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States.



*Panel moderator Judge Timothy Dyk, speakers Richard Taranto, Kannon Shanmugam,  
and Tom Hungar, and panel moderator Alyson Barker (L-R)*



The distinguished panel shared their views on the pros and cons of having an appellate lawyer on a patent trial team. The panel moderators also provided many statistics on appellate litigation in the federal courts along with an appeals quiz. The program drew a lively round of questions from the audience and much post-program discussion.



We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting of the Rich Inn on Wednesday, February 16. The program will feature a conversation with the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Mr. Jon Leibowitz.

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*Additional photographs from the meeting are available at [photos.ip-bar.org](http://photos.ip-bar.org).*