

# NEW INN OF COURT ESTABLISHED HERE

## Its First Meeting Includes a Voir Dire Demonstration

An outpouring of interest on the part of members of the Cleveland Bar Association has resulted in the chartering and establishment of a new American Inn of Court in Cleveland.

In the April 1989 issue of the *Cleveland Bar Journal*, the association's then-president, Marvin L. Karp, urged the formation of such an Inn as a means of promoting excellence in advocacy, elevating the standards by which litigation is conducted, and enhancing collegiality among members of the bar.

More than 50 lawyers and judges sent in letters in response to that article. As a consequence, a group of prominent trial lawyers and judges met in mid-summer and began the process of forming an Inn.

Twenty-two Masters of the Bench were selected, and the Masters of the Bench then nominated 20 Barristers (trial lawyers of three to ten years of experience), who would serve three-year terms, and 18 Pupils (12 young lawyers having less than three years experience, plus six law students), who would serve two-year terms.

Invitations were issued and accepted, and an Application for Charter, listing the Cleveland Bar Association as the sponsoring organization, was submitted to the American Inns of Court Foundation in Washington. That application was accepted by the Foundation, and the new Cleveland Inn was officially designated as American Inn of Court 91. The members of the Inn are now in the process of choosing an appropriate name.

The first meeting of the full Inn took place on the evening of Feb. 14. Following cocktails and dinner, the Inn reconvened in Judge Burt W. Griffin's courtroom to witness a voir dire demonstration and to participate in a critique.

The demonstration was presented by a Pupillage Team that was headed by Daniel W. Hammer and included J. Ross Haffey Jr., Brent M. Buckley, Denise J. Knecht, Joseph W. Pappalardo, T. Charles Cooper, and Tom A. King, and it resulted in a spirited discussion.

Future meetings of the Inn will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Each meeting will feature a demonstration of a particular facet of trial work by a different Pupillage Team. The Inn has eight such teams, each of which has already received its specific topic and assignment.

Officers of the new Inn are Judge Ann McManamon, counselor; Stephen J. Werber, secretary-treasurer; M. Neal Rains, chair of the Personnel Committee; Niki Z. Schwartz, chronicler, and Marvin L. Karp, president.

Members of the Inn are as follows:

### MASTERS OF THE BENCH

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