



FIRST ANNUAL DINNER MEETING RECAP
THE PAULINE NEWMAN
IP AMERICAN INN OF COURT
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

The first annual dinner meeting of the Pauline Newman IP American Inn of Court took place at the Athenaeum in Old Town Alexandria on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. The Athenaeum is a Greek Revival structure built before the Civil War, that was originally a bank, and is now an art gallery.



Judge Richard Linn, the founder of the Linn Inn Alliance of Intellectual Property Inns, spoke about the purposes of the American Inns of Court. There are now seventeen Inns in the Linn Inn Alliance. In 2005, before the Alliance was formed, there were only five IP Inns. The Pauline Newman Inn is the sixteenth. The Todd Dickinson Inn is the seventeenth. The eighteenth IP American Inn of Court will be in Tokyo, Japan! The nineteenth IP Inn will be in New Hampshire, the twentieth will be in Detroit, Michigan, and the twenty-first will be in Houston, Texas. Ron Stern was instrumental in starting the Pauline Newman IP Inn. The support of Richard Sterba of the Giles Rich Inn also was very important. He saw this new Inn as adding synergy, rather than being a threat. Al Tramposch also deserves credit as first President of the Inn. Pauline Newman was responsible for forming the first IP Inn, the Giles Rich Inn, of which she was the first President.

President Al Tramposch announced that Judge Pauline Newman will be given an award this year by the AIPLA for her service to intellectual property law. He thanked officers of the Inn for their service during the past year, including Janice Mooneyham, Elizabeth Dougherty and Meredith Petravick. Pupilage group leaders were recognized. The President thanked the guests for attending. He also thanked Grand Cuisine, the caterer, for the quality of the food.



Chief Judge Rader of the Federal Circuit introduced Judge Pauline Newman. She has been a race car driver, a pilot, and the first woman appointed to the Federal Circuit after its formation. [Judge Newman pointed out afterwards in an e-mail that the first woman on the Federal Circuit was Helen Nies, who was appointed to the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, which was merged with the Court of Claims to form the Federal Circuit. Judge Newman was the first woman appointed by President Reagan to any Circuit Court.] She is the first to use the M-16 when the judges go to the firing range.



Judge Pauline Newman spoke about the history of the Federal Circuit. At the time the Federal Circuit was formed, the U.S.A. was in a serious economic recession, combined with inflation. We were losing our technological lead over other countries, and for the first time had an unfavorable balance of trade. Patents were viewed with suspicion by antitrust regulators. Some circuit courts of appeal were proud that they did not uphold patents. Forum shopping was the first step in litigation. Uncertainty regarding patents undermined investment in research and development. The Supreme Court did not seem interested in resolving conflicts between the circuits regarding patents. These circumstances created the impetus to create a new kind of appeals court. President Carter initiated a review of government policy regarding industry. A national court of appeals for patents was

proposed as a solution. There was widespread industrial support for this solution. Opponents said that this would lead to an undue concentration of power over the patent system. There had been a bad experience with the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals. The Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the Court of Claims were combined to create the Federal Circuit. A plaque was presented to Judge Newman in appreciation of her support for the Inn.



A proposed slate of officers for 2012-13 was distributed to the attendees on the reverse side of the dinner menu. President Al Tramposch asked if there were any additional nominations, but none were made. The entire slate was then elected in a single vote by show of hands, as follows:

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Photographs were taken by Michael Lew and Bill Stoffel.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Christopher Swift
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