

Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Inn of Court Diversity Policy

The Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Inn of Court has adopted and incorporates the diversity and inclusiveness principals encouraged by the American Inns of Court. More than just an organization, the Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Inn of Court is the embodiment of an ideal. Inn members are dedicated to upholding the standards of the legal profession, to practicing law with dignity and respect, and to encouraging respect for our system of justice. Achieving a higher level of excellence and developing a deeper sense of professionalism occur only with an abiding commitment to the goals of diversity and inclusiveness.

Our Inn Members believe that personal diversity in all its aspects is essential to our ability to accomplish our mission. Diversity embodies all those differences that make us unique individuals and includes people of different race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, gender, religion, age, personal style, appearance, physical ability as well as people of diverse opinions, perspectives, lifestyles, ideas and thinking. Our members value the differences in views and perspectives and the varied experiences that are part of a diverse membership. Diversity enriches and broadens our membership, which in turn leads to more creative and meaningful programs.

For the same reasons, the Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Inn of Court values professional diversity. Legal professionals and law school faculty, administrators, and students, from all disciplines, from all practice types, from both the public and private sectors, from all economic strata, and from the least experienced to the most seasoned are vital to maximizing the Inn experience. Only by drawing and retaining a diverse membership will our Inn guarantee the success of our unique organization as well as our respective professional pursuits. Therefore, the Inn is committed to creating and maintaining a culture that promotes and supports diversity not only throughout our organization, but in our profession as well.