



THE GILES S. RICH AMERICAN INN OF COURT

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September 2013 Meeting Recap

The first meeting of the 2013-2014 Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The September program, entitled “*An Evening of Conversation with Circuit Judge Taranto and Circuit Judge Chen,*” was moderated by Judge Susan Braden. The program offered Inn members a wonderful opportunity to get to know the evening’s two guest panelists - the most recently confirmed judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

The evening began with Inn President Kevin McCabe thanking past Inn President Judge Essex and other officers for their service during the 2012-13 year and welcoming a large new group of members into the Inn. Mr. McCabe then introduced judges Raymond Chen and Richard Taranto, providing Inn members with their respective biographies prior to joining the Federal Circuit. Between them, Judges Chen and Taranto bring intellectual property acumen from the federal courts, government agencies and private practice. Judge Taranto received his J.D. from Yale Law School and Judge Chen from UCLA Law School. Both assumed their duties this year after nomination to the bench by President Obama and confirmation by the U.S. Senate.



Group photo of 2013-14 Giles S. Rich Inn new members



Judges Raymond Chen, Susan Braden and Richard Taranto (l-r)

Judge Braden began an informal question and answer session with the guest panelists where she asked questions about what it was like to clerk for the U.S. Supreme Court, the first time either had seen a patent, and whether they had ever been asked to explain a patent to a layperson. Continuing in the vein of gaining a better understanding of their personal lives, Judge Braden also asked the panelists the reaction of their parents' when told of their desire to attend law school, when they knew that the practice of law was the career for them, their first memory from law school, and if they had ever been rejected from a job for which they had applied. The floor was then opened up to Inn members for additional questions.



Judge Raymond Chen, Judge Susan Braden, Inn President Kevin McCabe, and Judge Richard Taranto (l-r)



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Judge Braden yielded the floor to Mr. McCabe, who invited audience members to proceed to a reception at the Tayloe House. We thank Judge Braden and our terrific guest panelists for such an informative session and the opportunity to get acquainted with new members of the bench.

We look forward to seeing you at the second meeting of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court for the 2013-14 year to be held at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

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