

The Lewis Powell Inn of Court and the Community

On December 3, 2013 the Lewis F. Powell, Jr. American Inn of Court held a community outreach and service themed meeting in the University of Richmond's Moot Courtroom. Ali Fannon, Director of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation, presented JusticeServer™, an innovative online *pro bono* case tracking system. JusticeServer™ is a collaboration of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation, the Legal Aid Justice Center, and the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society to provide *pro bono* legal services to low-income clients and non-profit organizations in Richmond, Petersburg, Charlottesville, and surrounding Virginia cities and counties. JusticeServer™ allows private practice attorneys to safely download *pro bono* case files to their computers while avoiding the typically time consuming process of finding *pro bono* work through legal aid organizations. Ms. Fannon encouraged members of the Inn to register with and accept *pro bono* opportunities through JusticeServer™.

As part of the Inn's community outreach program, Inn members made toy and monetary donations for the U.S. Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots drive. Sacks of new toys were delivered to Toys for Tots for Richmond area children to open on Christmas morning. Inn teams were spurred to community action by their love for friendly competition and were encouraged to strategize during their program meetings. Each team was awarded 10 points per Toys for Tots donation, 1 point per dollar donated, 10 points per registered JusticeServer™ member, and 25 points for each JusticeServer™ case completed.

Community outreach is an important part of the Lewis Powell Inn of Court's mission, and the December meeting successfully highlighted the ways in which local attorneys can give back to their communities.

