## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF COLORADO

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Dear Members and Prospective Members of the Inn:

Welcome to the website of the Colorado IP American Inn of Court. The Colorado IP Inn is the thirteenth Inn in the country focused on intellectual property law and is part of the Linn Inn Alliance, an organization of Inns focused on intellectual property law. This alliance has been spearheaded by Judge Richard Linn of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Colorado IP Inn of Court has many objectives. The first is to promote the guiding principles of the American Inns of Court, which are professionalism, ethics, civility and legal skills in the area of intellectual property law. With these principles in mind, we ask you to review the Professional Creed of the American Inns of Court which is posted on this website. The second objective of the Inn is to focus on mentoring younger lawyers in intellectual property law and providing them with experiences they might not otherwise have due to the complexities of IP law. Finally, the Colorado IP Inn intends to promote diversity within the intellectual property community in Colorado.

The American Inns of Court Foundation is this country's oldest, largest and fastest growing legal mentoring organization. Its inspiration stems from Chief Justice Warren Burger's concerns in the late 1970s about the decline of professionalism in American lawyers. Finding support for his message, Chief Justice Burger teamed with the English Inns of Court to establish a network of American Inns. The American Inns borrowed the English tradition of having more senior judges and lawyers within the local legal community mentor young practitioners. In less than 30 years, over 350 American Inns were formed with nearly 100,000 members.

We are honored to be a part of the Founding Committee and the Executive Committee of the Colorado IP American Inn of Court. More importantly, we are excited about our participation in the sessions as well as the opportunity to mentor and encourage young lawyers in their legal careers.

We hope that you find the experience of the Colorado IP Inn to be as rewarding as we do.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Philip A. Brimmer

The Honorable Kristen L. Mix

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