

George Mason Inn of Court goes platinum...again

The George Mason American Inn of Court was honored late last year for achieving Platinum Status in 2012-2013.

The GMU Inn was honored for reaching the highest level in the "Achieving Excellence Program," which recognizes an Inn's progress towards mastering five core competencies of Inn management: Administration, Communications, Programs, Mentoring, and Outreach activities. This is the second year in a row that the GMU Inn reached platinum status.

The GMU Inn is one of only 50 Inns nationwide to have achieved this status, and it is the only Virginia Inn to reach platinum. The Inn first reached platinum

status in 2011-12 under the presidency of Judge Lisa A. Mayne.

Gifford R. Hampshire, the 2012-13 president, and Aaron S. Book, the 2013-14 president of the Inn, attended an October program at the U.S. Supreme Court at which the honor was saluted. The event was hosted by Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Justice Donald W. Lemons of the Virginia Supreme Court, and Judge Richard Linn of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

American Inns of Court are designed to promote a culture of excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and skills to the members of the legal community. Membership in the George Mason Inn consists of practitioners at all levels, judges, and a select group of law students. The GMU Inn was established in 1989 by a group of attorneys that included Judges James C. Cacheris and Paul F. Sheridan.