



## *Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court*

August 27, 2020

Dear Seattle Intellectual Property Inn of Court Member:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 program year for the Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court! The Executive Committee has been working all summer to ensure that we have a robust and collegial Inn experience despite the challenges from COVID-19. We hope that you are healthy, and that you will join us at our first virtual meeting on September 24 to kick off the year.

We have organized the year around the assumption that Fall meetings will be on-line, and that we will need to be flexible in the Spring. Here are some of the highlights we have planned:

- *Seven for-credit CLE programs, including at least one ethics CLE*
- *Happy Hours*
- *Small group meeting sessions*
- *Enhanced Mentor program involving small group discussions and presentations on career paths*
- *Joint Inn Meeting with the Hon. Robert J. Bryan Inn and the William L. Dwyer Inn*

As we have done in the past, we have divided our approximately 125 active members into seven pupillage teams dedicated to making our meetings informative, entertaining, and a valuable source of CLE credit and networking. We have taken special care to ensure that each team is a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and students, as well as to ensure a mix of corporate in-house, firm, solo practitioner and other work experiences. We will follow our usual practice of asking each team to be responsible for the planning of one CLE, which provides you with an opportunity for personal interaction, peer learning and to showcase or practice your presentation skills.

### Plans for meetings

Our Fall meetings (September - December) will take place on-line using Zoom technology (provided by the University of Washington). Incoming student members will meet on September 17 for orientation. We plan to dedicate the first meeting on September 24 to get to know each other in our pupillage groups and to host questions and comments about the year.

After September we will begin regular monthly CLE presentations. We will also host additional small group and mentor meetings, which we have added to allow more personal interactions and networking. Topics for the small group meetings will be developed throughout the year.

We hope to resume in-person meetings in the Spring at our usual location at the University of Washington Faculty Club, or possibly another location in Seattle. However, we will need to be flexible to accommodate changing circumstances.

The meeting schedule for the year is attached at the end of this letter.

### Dues

*Dues for 2020-2021 have been discounted by 20%.* Although we are not providing meals in the Fall, we do have other recurring expenses that are not discounted, such as per-person dues to the National Inn, and CLE charges. If you have any questions about dues, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Executive Committee.

#### Schedule of dues:

Master (12+ years of experience) ( <i>non</i> -Corporate/Government/Academic):	\$380
Master (C/G/A) <u>or</u> Barrister ( <i>non</i> -C/G/A):	\$300
Barrister (5-12 years of experience) (C/G/A)	\$220
Associate (less than 5 years of experience)	\$220
Students and Judicial Clerks:	\$100

You will receive an invoice via email from the National AIC Inn management website at the end of September. **Please follow the link in that email and pay your dues online with a credit card.** Your dues incorporate, among other things, national and local membership costs, the CLE fees we pay to the WSBA, and maintenance of our website where we house CLE and group information.

This year's Executive Committee members are as follows. We are a resource to answer any questions you may have and are more than happy to discuss ways we can make our organization better.

President – Gina Culbert  
President Elect – Duncan Macfarlane  
Secretary – Kevin Zeck  
Treasurer – Lori Tonnes  
Membership Chair – Dario Machleidt  
Program Chair – Kristen Lange  
Achieving Excellence and Linn Alliance Liaison – Caroline Bercier  
Director (At Large) – Shannon Jost  
Director (At Large) – Stephen McGrath  
Director (At Large) – Bill Harmon  
Director (At Large) – Charlie Zhao  
Director (Website) – Catherine Sutton

[Ex Officio Directors – Brian C. Park, Jerry Riedinger, Paul Leuzzi, Lawrence Graham, Brooke Taylor, Signe Naeve, Mark Walters, John Vandenberg, Warren Rheaume, Jonathan McFarland, Benjamin Byer]

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Finally, I am pleased to announce that for the sixth consecutive year, our Inn achieved the Platinum level status in the National Inn Organization's Achieving Excellence program!

We hope you will feel free to offer your thoughts and ideas on any aspect of planning for the Inn this year. On behalf of the Executive Committee, we look forward to another exciting year and to seeing you at the September 24 meeting.

Best regards,

**Gina Culbert**  
2020-2021 President

cc: Executive Committee  
National (Caryn Worcester)

**Schedule of meetings**  
**Zoom invitations to follow**

<u>Date (all meetings on Thurs.)</u>	<u>Time and topic</u>
September 24	<b>Welcome Meeting</b> 5-5:30 p.m. Welcome and questions 5:30-6:00 p.m. Pupilage Group introductions
October 8	<b>Mentor Lunch</b> Noon - 1 p.m.
October 22	<b>First Monthly Meeting</b> Happy Hour 5-5:25 p.m. Group 1 CLE, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
November 19	<b>Second Monthly Meeting</b> Happy Hour 5-5:25 p.m. Group 2 CLE, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
December 3	<b>Mentor Lunch</b> Noon - 1 p.m. Zoom
December 17	<b>Holiday Happy Hour (no CLE)</b> 5:30-6:00 p.m.
<b>2021</b>	Locations TBD
January 7	<b>Small Group Discussion -</b> Noon - 1 p.m.
January 21	<b>Third Monthly Meeting</b> Happy Hour 5-5:25 p.m. Group 3 CLE, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
February 4	<b>Mentor Lunch</b> Noon - 1 p.m.
February 18	<b>Fourth Monthly Meeting</b> Happy Hour 5-5:25 p.m. Group 4 CLE, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
March 4	<b>Small Group Discussion -</b> Noon - 1 p.m.
March 18	<b>Joint Inn Meeting</b> Group 5 CLE Robert J. Bryan and William L. Dwyer Inns
April 1	<b>Mentor Lunch</b> Noon - 1 p.m.
April 15	<b>Fifth Monthly Meeting</b> Happy Hour 5-5:25 p.m. Group 6 CLE, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
May 6	<b>Small Group Discussion -</b> Noon - 1 p.m.

May 20	<b>Sixth Monthly Meeting</b> Happy Hour 5-5:25 p.m. Group 7 CLE, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
June 17	<b>End of Year Social</b>