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The Robert A. Grant American Inn of Court. South Bend, Indiana.

Letter from the President

Colleagues:

Most schools are back in session (including Notre Dame), and that means the time is near to begin a new Inn of Court season. Given the pandemic, it has been difficult to plan for the coming year, but here is what your leadership team has developed:

\* We will have our first meeting September 23—**outdoors**—on the rooftop venue at Embassy Suites. This will allow for social distancing, better fresh air flow, and a reasonably safe way to gather after such a long separation. RM and CM will be presenting on immigration law and sharing about their visit to a British Inn of Court last year. Please plan to join us. Formal meeting and dues notices will be arriving in your mail soon.

\* We are working to solidify dates with the Embassy Suites for the rest of the year and will announce them soon. Each meeting (including the alternate rain location for September 23) will be in an expanded, double meeting-room at the Embassy Suites, enabling us to promote social distancing. SN has worked very hard on meeting details, and GL has planned some very engaging programming for the year.

\* Although we remain hopeful for in-person, indoor meetings this season, that may not be possible. And depending on how the pandemic develops, even if such gatherings are possible, they may not be wise. Please be flexible if we need to postpone or cancel meetings or move them online.

\* Your input would be most helpful in planning through the different options. Please follow this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/>) to respond to a short survey about future meetings. It should take about 2 minutes to complete.

\* Finally, whatever unfolds in the coming months, and however your practice evolves, we hope you will all find ways to stay true to the ideals of professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence. That's what the Inn stands for; that's what all of you exemplify; and that's something our world will always need.

Take care,

**Michael J. Hays**