

Dear Fellow Inn Members:

It is hard to believe that we are heading into August, and a nearly six-month (and counting) interruption of our normal ways of life and work due to Covid-19. On behalf of the entire Executive Committee, we hope this email finds all of you and your respective circles safe and well.

Heading into the coming 2020-2021 Inn year, our Executive Committee has worked hard to set the course to safely and effectively provide the professional camaraderie, mentorship and learning opportunities that we have all come to value. Here is where we are at:

1. **2020-2021 Executive Committee:** In light of the pandemic, the vast majority of our 2020-2021 Executive Committee members have graciously agreed to serve for an additional year. **We also are welcoming some new additions to the committee: CJ**, as Co-Treasurer (alongside EM), **BJ**, as Co-Chair of the Pupilage Committee (alongside MG), and **XB**, as Secretary. A complete roster of 2020-2021 Executive Committee Members is below.
2. **Meetings:** Meetings will occur monthly from September – May (excluding November), via Zoom, over the lunch hour, (12:00-1:00 CST). Pupilage programs will be presented at all but the December and May meetings (social/fun activities TBD for those months). Should circumstances change such that we can resume in-person meetings at some point during the Inn year, we will adjust our plans accordingly. **The specific meeting dates are as follows: Sept. 30, 2020, Oct. 28, 2020, Dec. 16, 2020, Jan. 27, 2021, Feb. 24, 2021, Mar. 31, 2021, April 28, 2021, May 26, 2021.**
3. **Dues:** Given our current plan to hold meetings remotely, dues for the coming year are somewhat reduced (noting that dues are still needed to cover our chapter's dues to the national organization and to maintain reserves). See the table at the bottom of this email for 2020-2021 rates. To the extent any member is unable to pay all or part of their dues resulting from Covid-19-related issues or other hardships, please let us know, as we do have some money set aside to cover anyone in need.
4. **2020-2021 Pupilage Theme:** Our annual theme for this year's pupilage presentations is "**Security versus Liberty in 2020.**" Some of you may remember a similar theme roughly ten years ago, but social and technological developments since that time provide ample new ground to revisit this subject. As always, each pupilage team will have wide latitude to choose a specific topic that suits their own interests and knowledge, so long as it relates in some way to this theme.
5. **Pupilage Teams:** MG and BJ will distribute pupilage team assignments by the second week of August. Teams will prepare and deliver CLE presentations as they always have, except delivered via Zoom. We look forward to everyone's ingenuity and creativity in presenting thought-provoking and informative material in this new medium.

Thank you for your continued fellowship. In fragile times like these, our personal and professional networks become even more important. We are very grateful for this group and for the American Inns of Court as a whole!

Sincerely,

Sara Siegall

Dues Category	2019-2020 Rate	2020-2021 Rate
Senior Member* (20+ years of practice)	\$ Tier 1	\$ Tier 1 less \$50
Master of the Bench (10+ years of practice)	\$ Tier 2	\$ Tier 2 less \$50
Judges	\$ Tier 3	\$ Tier 3 less \$75
Barrister (6+ years of practice)	\$ Tier 4	\$ Tier 4 less \$75
Associates (0+ years of practice)	\$ Tier 5	\$ Tier 5 less \$100
Law Students	\$ Tier 6	\$ Tier 5 less \$100

*Those qualifying for and paying "Senior Member" dues may opt out of the pupilage team requirement.