



Federal Bar Council *American Inn of Court*

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I am honored to serve as President of the Federal Bar Council American Inn of Court for the Inn year 2010-2011. Founded in 2000, the FBC Inn is a diverse and collegial group of federal judges and practicing lawyers who gather regularly to “break bread” and to present stimulating and instructive programs on a wide array of legal subjects. The FBC Inn is one of approximately 350 American Inns of Court currently active throughout the country. Through our exceptional programs and the informal interactions among our members, the FBC Inn embodies the ideals of both the Federal Bar Council and the American Inns of Court by promoting professionalism, mentoring, ethics, and legal skills.

The Inn’s members are broadly divided into three categories – Master, Barrister and Associate – based on years of professional experience. Our members also reflect a diversity of practice areas and personal and professional backgrounds. The active members of the FBC Inn are divided into eight teams, each led by a judge, with each team responsible for devising, preparing and presenting a program to the rest of the Inn. All team members actively participate in the Inn’s programs, which reflect a wide variety of topics and formats, including reenactments of historical events and trials, mock arguments and legislative hearings, vignettes of all sorts, and multimedia accompaniments.

Beyond the Inn’s monthly program meetings and our annual celebratory dinner each June, Inn members gather informally in a variety of settings. Each program team enjoys team dinners and holds working meetings to prepare its program. In addition, the Inn recently instituted a series of extracurricular mentoring events, where small groups of senior and junior lawyers meet for a meal or other activity and engage in stimulating conversation about the legal profession and practice.

As aptly put in our Mission Statement, the FBC Inn “endeavors to create a community of lawyers and jurists who care about the legal profession and each other, in the hope that members of the Inn will guide, mentor and befriend each other at formal meetings and in their spare time.” I believe that we have been successful in creating such a community, and I am privileged to be a part of it.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the FBC Inn or have questions about the Inn, please contact our Membership Chair, Sheila Boston, at sboston@kayescholar.com.

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