



THE GILES S. RICH AMERICAN INN OF COURT

September 9, 2015

Via Electronic Transmission

NOTICE OF MEETING Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Dear Inn Member:

The first monthly meeting of the 2015-16 term of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court will be held on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015**, at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 717 Madison Place, N.W.

The inaugural program of the new term will focus on the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) at the USPTO. For the past three years, the PTAB has been conducting patentability trials for issued patents pursuant to the America Invents Act. The PTAB promulgated rules for administering these trials and recently released the set of proposed changes to those rules based upon user and patent community feedback. During the first program, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce and Deputy Director of the USPTO Russ Slifer will address these proposals along with other USPTO initiatives to enhance the patenting process. Additionally, a panel of administrative patent judges along with seasoned AIA trial practitioners will explain and/or comment on the proposed rule changes. The panelists include Acting Deputy Chief Judge Scott Boalick; Lead Judge Grace Obermann; Steve Baughman, a partner at Ropes & Gray, and Scott McKeown, a partner at Oblon. Janet Gongola, Inn Vice President and Senior Advisor to the USPTO Director, will moderate. The program is sure to be thought provoking and timely, so please attend to keep your PTAB knowledge current.

For all new members to the Inn, New Member Orientation will also be held on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015** at 5:30 p.m. in Courtroom 201.

The logistics for this meeting will be as follows:

New Member Orientation (New Members Only)	Courtroom 201	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Welcome and Check-In	Second Floor	5:45 p.m.
Light Refreshments	Tayloe House	5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Inn Program	Courtroom 201	6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
Reception	Tayloe House	7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Please submit your RSVP no later than **Monday, September 14, 2015**, by the

weblink in the Inn's electronic invitation, or, by e-mail to rachelelsby@gmail.com and/or stvinceg@cafc.uscourts.gov. If you plan to bring a **guest**, please let us know and **provide your guest's name** for security reasons. Kindly note that there is a **\$25.00 guest fee**, collected at the meeting via cash or check payable to the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court. Please provide the payment to a Treasurer or an Administrator.

If you or your guest(s) intend to drive to this meeting and you have not submitted a Vehicle Information Form in the past, please complete a Vehicle Information Form on the Inn website (<http://www.innsofcourt.org/inns/richinn/>) and kindly email it to us by **Monday, September 14, 2015**. If your vehicle information has not changed from last year, please do not resubmit a vehicle form. Please do not arrive to park prior to 5:30 p.m. and remember to leave your keys in the car.

If you plan to arrive via Metro, the closest Metro station is McPherson Square, one block away from the courthouse. Members that wish to walk to the courthouse, rather than drive into the garage, and plan to arrive before 6:00 p.m., should enter through the front entrance of the courthouse, proceed through security and up to the second floor. Those members walking and arriving after 6:00 p.m. should enter through the garage ramp, check in with the guard, and proceed to the elevators on the first level of the garage.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015**. In the meantime, should you have any questions, you may contact us by email (above) or telephone at (202) 887-4584 (Rachel Elsby).

Very truly yours,

Inn Administrators
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