

Gus J.
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Member handbook 2011–
2012

“I look upon the practice of law as an opportunity to participate in great social movements.”

Gus J. Solomon, c. 1951



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Celebrating our 25th year of improving the skills, professionalism and ethics of the Portland legal community.

<http://www.gusjsolomoninnofcourt.org>

Mission of the American Inns of Court

The Mission of the American Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills.

Professional Creed

Whereas, the Rule of Law is essential to preserving and protecting the rights and liberties of a free people; and

Whereas, throughout history, lawyers and judges have preserved, protected and defended the Rule of Law in order to ensure justice for all; and

Whereas, preservation and promulgation of the highest standards of excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills are essential to achieving justice under the Rule of Law;

Now therefore, as a member of an American Inn of Court, I hereby adopt this professional creed with a pledge to honor its principles and practices:

- I will treat the practice of law as a learned profession and will uphold the standards of the profession with dignity, civility and courtesy.
- I will value my integrity above all. My word is my bond.
- I will develop my practice with dignity and will be mindful in my communications with the public that what is constitutionally permissible may not be professionally appropriate.
- I will serve as an officer of the court, encouraging respect for the law in all that I do and avoiding abuse or misuse of the law, its procedures, its participants and its processes.
- I will represent the interests of my client with vigor and will seek the most expeditious and least costly solutions to problems, resolving disputes through negotiation whenever possible.
- I will work continuously to attain the highest level of knowledge and skill in the areas of the law in which I practice.
- I will contribute time and resources to public service, charitable activities and pro bono work.

- I will work to make the legal system more accessible, responsive and effective.
- I will honor the requirements, the spirit and the intent of the applicable rules or codes of professional conduct for my jurisdiction, and will encourage others to do the same.

Monthly Meeting Information

& CLE Credits

Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month, except for October, which is the fourth Tuesday. Meetings are from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the World Trade Center Plaza Conference Room, 121 SW Salmon St. The Inn hosts your first beverage and provides an assortment of hors d'oeuvres. Beverages include wine, beer, cocktails, soft drinks and sparkling mineral water. Prices for additional beverages are \$6 for wine and cocktails; \$4 for beer; and \$2 for soft drinks or water.

Each Pupilage Group is responsible for the CLE presentation in its assigned month. Sometimes presentations extend past 6:30, but members are welcome to leave at that time or stay for the remainder of the presentation. Presentations earn one hour CLE credit. The Inn coordinates the credits with the Oregon State Bar. Members need to sign the CLE credit sheet in order to

record their attendance. Pupilage Groups should submit electronic materials to the President or other designated person by the Friday before the presentation so that they may be posted on the website ahead of the meeting. Hard copies of materials can be brought to meetings. The website address is:

<http://www.gusisolomoninnofcourt.org>.

The meeting schedule for the 2011-12 year is as follows:

- September 20, 2011
- October 25, 2011
- November 15, 2011 (different meeting location -- Mezzanine 2,3 & 4)
- January 17, 2012
- February 21, 2012
- March 20, 2012
- April 17, 2012
- May 15, 2012

June Anniversary Event -- TBD

Executive Committee & Officers

President – The Hon. Cheryl Albrecht

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Membership Chair – Jamie Troy

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PUPILAGE GROUPS

What a Pupilage Group is

Pupilage groups are teams of about 10-12 members with a mix of Associates, Barristers and Masters. Each group is responsible for one month's CLE presentation. Pupilage group members also come together at various times during the year outside of regular monthly meetings and in addition to the times they work on their CLE program simply to enjoy each other's company.

Attending Meetings

The pupilage group may be where the Inn's mission finds its highest expression. Members of various levels of experience and backgrounds gather to share their stories, build mentoring and networking relationships, learn about different practice areas, discuss ways to advance professionalism and ethical practices and policies, develop knowledge and presentation skills and to work together to a common goal. Many Inn members deeply value the relationships and collegiality they've

gained from their regular participation in the Pupilage Groups.

Pupilage Groups are expected to meet at least once a month, including meetings after the group's presentation is complete.

Getting Started

The Masters can designate one member of the Pupilage Group to be the "social coordinator" who organizes meetings and gatherings, or a person can volunteer. That member may be an Associate, Barrister or Master. But it needn't be just one person. All members are encouraged to share their proposals for the presentations, ideas for fun outings, and otherwise participate in the pupilage group process.

Scheduling Meetings

Members can choose a regular time to meet, or can meet at different times and days depending on members' various schedules. The social coordinator may find it helpful to use computer scheduling aids such as Google Calendar (<http://google.com/calendar>); "Meetomatic" (<http://meetomatic.com>); or "Doodle" (<http://doodle.com>). Groups with presentations in October and November need to get meetings set up

quickly! Remember, pupilage groups should meet at least once a month, including meetings after the group's presentation is complete.

Making the Most of Meetings

When you're not developing your presentation, the idea is to eat, drink and be merry. Other possible activities include community service projects, a book club, a discussion group around selected topics, trying out restaurants in different parts of town, workshops honing trial advocacy skills, group bike rides or walks, potlucks, sky diving – the possibilities are limited only by your imagination!

Community Service

Pupilage groups are strongly encouraged to engage in one community service project during the year. The Masters can designate a "Service Coordinator" to be the person to organize the community service project for the group. See the list below for sample group community service activities and contact information in the greater Portland area. The group with the highest number of members participating in the service project will earn

special recognition at the Anniversary Party in June. Don't forget to submit photos of your outing for display on the Inn website!

Blanchet House – <http://www.blanchethouse.org>

340 NW Glisan,
Portland, OR, 97209
503-226-3911

Bradley Angle – <http://bradleyangle.org>

4548 N. Albina , Suite 101
Portland, OR 97217
(503) 232-1528

Dove Lewis – <http://www.dovelewis.org>

1945 NW Pettygrove
Portland, OR 97209
(503) 228-7281

Friends of Trees – <http://www.friendsoftrees.org>

3117 NE M L King Blvd
Portland, OR 97212-3056
(503) 282-8846

Forest Park Conservancy –

<http://www.forestparkconservancy.org>

2368 Northwest Thurman Street
Portland, OR 97210
(503) 223-5449

Habitat for Humanity –

<http://www.habitatportlandmetro.org>

1478 NE Killingsworth St.
Portland, OR 97211
(503) 287-9529

Hands On Greater Portland –
<http://www.handsonportland.org>

Northwest Pilot Project (low income seniors) –
<http://www.nwpilotproject.org>
1430 SW Broadway #200
Portland, OR 97201
(503) 227-5605

Oregon Humane Society – <http://www.oregonhumane.org>
1067 NE Columbia Blvd.
Portland, OR
(503) 285-7722

Oregon Zoo – <http://www.oregonzoo.org>
(503) 525-4273

p:ear – <http://www.pearmentor.blogspot.com>
338 NW 6th Ave
Portland, OR 97209
(503) 228-6677

SOLV – <http://www.solv.org>
5193 NE Elam Young Parkway, Suite B
Hillsboro, OR 97124
503-844-9571

Transition Projects – <http://www.tprojects.org>
665 NW Hoyt Ave.
Portland, OR 97209
(503) 280-4700

Willamette Riverkeeper – <http://www.willamette-riverkeeper.org>

1515 SE Water Ave. #102
Portland, OR 97214
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Program of Presentations

This year's program is titled "Big Case – Small Firm." It explores a civil litigation case with a myriad of legal and procedural issues that challenge two opposing law firms' capabilities and resilience. It is based on a short hypothetical scenario that will be used by all groups in their presentations.

Each month's topic encompasses a distinct set of legal and ethical issues, including adequate staffing; investigation and discovery; and dealing with new and old media. Though the topic is set, the format is not. Groups may perform a skit, organize break-out groups, write and sing an Inn of Court operetta, include an audio/visual component, film a video, bring in a guest speaker, stage a game show, organize a scavenger hunt, utilize props or costumes, write the presentation in iambic pentameter or anything else someone can dream up. Groups are encouraged to be creative, get interactive, color outside of the lines, shoot for the stars and otherwise indulge your inner goofball. The Inn has a

projector and speakers available for your use. Just check with the President ahead of time to make arrangements.

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