

Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court

Reception and Dinner

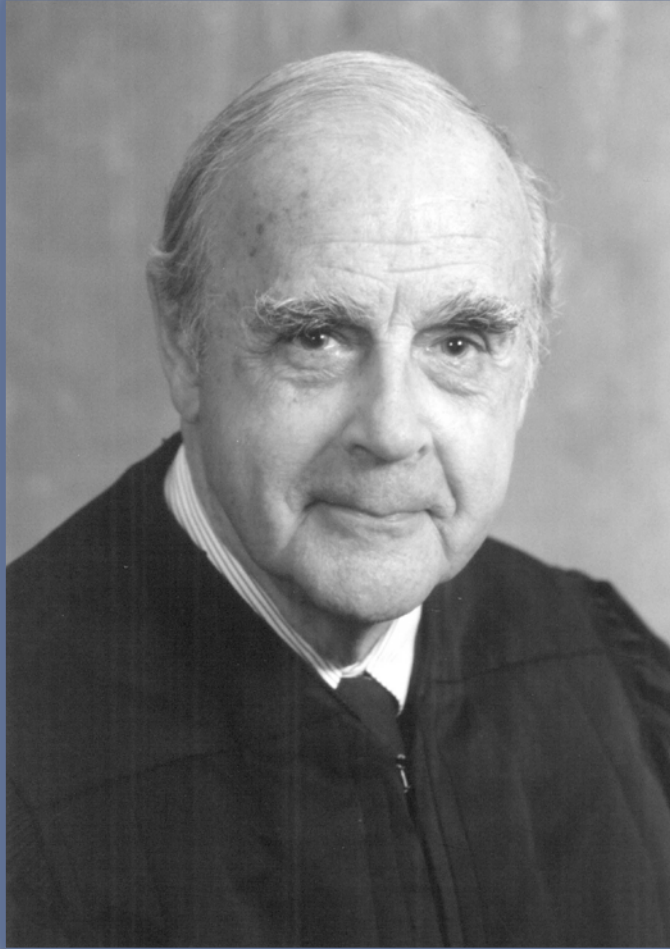


January 17, 2012

The Union League Club of New York



Judge William C. Conner



Mission of the Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court

The mission of the Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court is to promote excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills for judges, lawyers, academicians, and students of law and to advance the education of the members of the Inn, the members of the bench and bar, and the public in the fields of intellectual property law.



In Memoriam Janice Conner



Janice Conner, wife of Hon. William C. Conner, passed away on September 12, 2011. She was a special guest and friendly face at Judge Conner's side for many intellectual property gatherings, including the Inaugural Conner Inn Dinner in 2009. Her family placed this article in the Austin American-Statesman.

Janice Files Conner was born September 2, 1922, in Itasca, Texas to Janie and Sidney Files. Her identical twin sister Joyce arrived seven minutes later, leading to a life of gently teasing her sister for never being on time. Jan was a brilliant and dedicated student, graduating Summa cum Laude from the University of Texas before earning a Masters in Dietetics at Johns Hopkins University. While they were students, she met Bill at University Presbyterian Church where he was struck by her beauty, culinary talents and thrift. Dad loved to recount how Mom prepared a weekly feast at the church for 100 students on a budget of just \$15. She continued this "loaves and fishes" miracle for years at whatever church she attended, creating gourmet meals for entire congregations on a regular basis.

As Bill prepared to go to war in the Pacific, he discovered that military spouses were eligible for



housing stipends and persuaded Mom to fly cross-country to marry him days before he shipped out, foregoing a wedding with family and friends. Dad declared Jan the "greatest wife a

man could ever have" recognizing that she made his "Lucky Life," as a distinguished Federal Judge and father, possible. Their blissful union spanned more than 66 years, mostly as residents of Dobbs Ferry, NY, next door to Irvington where her twin settled, creating everlasting confusion amongst the locals. Jan was the most wonderful, clever Mom ever, keeping us entertained with projects ranging from taffy pulls, ice cream churning and costume creation, to jam making scavenger hunts and decorating the house for holidays. Mom was renowned for her selflessness and altruism. Her innumerable projects and volunteer work were accomplished solely for the glory of God. Along with her reputed success for handling prayer requests from friends she earned her nickname "Saint Jan."

In 2009 after her darling Bill died, Mom moved back to Austin where she could keep closer tabs on her beloved Longhorns. In 2010, she established the William C. Conner chair of Intellectual Property at the University of Texas School of Law.

The world is a better place because of Jan. She "slipped the surly bonds of earth" on September 12, 2011. Her remains will be inurned alongside Bill's at Arlington National Cemetery and a memorial service will be scheduled for Spring 2012 when the bluebonnets bloom. We have no doubt she's part of why UT is having a better football season.

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published on October 1, 2011.*



A Love Story

The following is an excerpt from "My Lucky Life" written by Judge Conner.

At Aunt Sister's suggestion, I began attending Sunday School at the University Presbyterian Church, in a group known as the Century Class, because it included a hundred or more UT students. The sponsor of the class was Walter Long, a graduate of UT Law School who was Managing Director of the Austin Chamber of Commerce and a long-time friend of Aunt Sister's, but the teacher was DeWitt Reddick, who was head of the UT Journalism Department. He was enormously popular with the students and his weekly talks were a great source of inspiration. Indeed, as I wrote him later, I believe my participation in his classes was as important a part of my education as any of the college courses I took. Since I could not afford to join a fraternity, virtually my entire social life revolved around the Century Class. I had my first college date with one of the girls in the class, Sara Files, a Home Economics student from Itasca, TX. But I soon learned that she was not really interested in any serious relationship with me but had her heart set on Stuart Currie, a student in the Divinity School, whose father was head of the Austin Theological Seminary. Sara offered me a consolation prize when she told me that her two younger twin sisters, Joyce and Janice, were transferring to UT from Texas State College for Women in Denton the following year, and I was eager to meet them. I recall that when Sara introduced them to me in the hallway outside the room where the Century Class met, my first impression was that they were not as pretty as Sara. But they were equally intelligent and sweet and the longer I knew them, the more beautiful they looked. I dated Joyce first, because Janice seemed to be attracted to Sam Jaeckel, whose father was a professor in the Theological Seminary. But I soon learned that Joyce was more interested in Jimmy Fox, a drama student from Waxahachie whom she had met

earlier when they represented their respective high schools in a tennis tournament. I dropped out of the competition for a while, though I still saw all of them frequently at the Century Class. Janice ran the meals which were served at each of the Sunday evening meetings of the Class, feeding 100 people for as little as 15 cents each, and I often used my professional dishwashing experience in helping clean up afterward. I figured that if Janice was sufficiently capable and industrious and frugal to work her miracle of loaves and fishes, she would make an excellent wife. Janice began to show less interest in Jaeckel (an interest I could never understand anyway because he was short, had a large hook nose and a hideous complexion) and I began to concentrate my romantic attentions on her, even though she continued to date several other students. On several occasions, she invited me up to Itasca to spend holidays with her family. Her father Sidney Files was the General Manager of the Itasca weaving mill--the only industry in that town of 1,700 people. Her mother Janie was a truly wonderful woman, small but very attractive, and a model mother--in addition to raising a large and wonderful family, she had been a scout leader and taught Sunday School classes. I looked on her as the mother I had lost, and she soon decided (without telling me) that I was the son-in-law she'd like to have. Indeed, her son John once said that if Janice hadn't married me, she would have!



Program

Cocktail Reception • 6:00 p.m.

Dinner • 7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Anthony Giaccio

Remarks

Hon. Richard Linn

United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit



Conner Inn Excellence Awards

Presentation by

Hon. Richard Linn • U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

to

Hon. Pauline Newman

Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

and

Presentations by

Hon. Barbara S. Jones • U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

and

Hon. Roslynn R. Mauskopf • U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

to

Hon. Carol Bagley Amon

Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

and

Hon. Kimba M. Wood

Senior District Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York



Dinner Committee Chairperson • **Jeffrey M. Butler**

Commemorative Journal Chairperson • **Jeffrey M. Butler**



Message from Conner Inn Executive Committee Chair

Welcome to the 4th Annual Reception and Dinner of the Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court. We are joined this evening here at the Union League Club of New York by many honored guests, including distinguished members of the bench and bar.

This evening, we will be presenting Conner Inn Excellence Awards to Judge Pauline Newman, Chief Judge Carol Bagley Amon and Senior Judge Kimba Wood for their dedication to the promotion of excellence in our profession. We hope you enjoy reviewing the contents of this commemorative journal, including biographies of our award recipients and an article written by Melvin Garner that highlights the many excellent programs that were presented by judges, senior lawyers, junior lawyers and law student members of the Conner Inn during its third year of substantive IP programs. We had a great year last year and are looking forward to another great year this year due to the enthusiasm of our membership to continue to build on Judge Conner's legacy of excellence and professionalism.

Congratulations to Judge Linn! In November 2011, Judge Richard Linn received the American Inns of Court's highest award, the A. Sherman Christensen Award, for distinguished, exceptional and significant leadership to the American Inns of Court movement. We are very glad to see that Judge Linn's leadership and commitment have been recognized by the American Inns of Court national organization.

We were saddened to learn that Mrs. Conner passed away in Austin, Texas, in September 2011. An In Memoriam is provided herein as a small reminder of how generous Judge Conner and Mrs. Conner were in sharing their time and talents with us on both a professional and personal level. In memory of Mrs. Conner, the Inn made a donation to Hospice Austin.

As chair of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank Judge Barbara Jones and Judge Colleen McMahon for their leadership and service as President and Counselor, respectively, of the Conner Inn; the other members of the Executive Committee (Melvin Garner, John Lane and Thomas Meloro) for their commitment; Jeffrey Butler for coordinating this event and putting together this commemorative journal; Judge Richard Linn and the Linn Inn Alliance of now sixteen other intellectual-property-focused Inns of Court around the country for their vision and leadership; and each of you for your enthusiastic support of the Conner Inn and its mission to promote professionalism, legal skills, ethics and civility in the practice of intellectual property law which Judge Conner exemplified.

By Anthony Giaccio
Executive Committee Chair



The Conner Inn Leadership

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Counselor	Hon. Colleen McMahon <i>Southern District of New York</i>
Secretary/Treasurer	Anthony Giaccio

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Hon. Richard M. Berman, *Southern District of New York*
Hon. Barbara S. Jones, *Southern District of New York*
Hon. Roslynn R. Mauskopf, *Eastern District of New York*
Hon. Colleen McMahon, *Southern District of New York*
Hon. John C. Lifland (Ret.), *District of New Jersey*
Hon. Joan M. Azrack, Magistrate Judge, *Eastern District of New York*
Hon. Mark Fox, Magistrate Judge (Ret.), *Southern District of New York*

Visiting Judicial Members of the Inn

Hon. Timothy B. Dyk, *Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit*
Hon. Richard Linn, *Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit*
Hon. Pauline Newman, *Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit*
Hon. Paul R. Michel, Chief Judge (Ret.), *Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit*



Hon. William C. Conner Inn Activities for the Year 2010-2011

by Melvin C. Garner

The Conner Inn began its third year of operation with a meeting held on September 23, 2010. The meeting featured Edward Manzo of Cook Alex Ltd of Chicago. Ed put on a program in the form of a game show about claim construction. The audience was divided into teams and earned points by answering claim construction questions. After the game there was a panel discussion led by Judge Roslynn Mauskopf of the Eastern District of New York.

At the October 26, 2010, meeting William McCabe of Ropes & Gray, Kevin Ecker of Philips IP, Steven Gustavson of Goodwin Procter, Etan Chatlynne of Hughes Hubbard & Reed and Richard Katz of Gibbons PC put on a program of vignettes on witness preparation. In the vignettes the witness was a senior IP counsel for a company in the hypothetical case of *Smallco v. Big Purple Computer Corp.* The testimony centered on an “on sale” bar. The presentation concluded with brief trial testimony by the witnesses. The discussion following the vignettes focused on ethical issues in preparing fact witnesses for trial.

The Conner Inn joined with the McInerney Inn on December 8, 2010 for a holiday reception at the India House. In addition to good food and conversation, the attendees were treated to remarks on Abraham Lincoln delivered by the Hon. P. Kevin Castel of the Southern District of New York.

On January 18, 2011, the Conner Inn held its Annual Reception and Dinner at the Union League Club. At the dinner the Inn honored Judge Dennis Jacobs, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, with the Conner Inn Excellence Award. Further, special remarks were made by Judge Richard Linn of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.



Mock preliminary injunction hearing in a trade dress infringement case under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act. – February 24, 2011

As a change of pace the Inn's February 24, 2011 meeting consisted of a mock preliminary injunction hearing in a trade dress infringement case under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act. The trade dress was a red stripe on dust pans and brushes, as well as a door stop. Participating on behalf of the trade dress owner was Melvin Garner of Leason Ellis LLP and Kimberly McGraw of McGraw Patent Law Group. Opposing them were Jeffrey Butler of Jones Day and Steven Gustavson of Goodwin Procter. Judge Richard Berman of the Southern District of New York presided.



A special meeting was held on March 22, 2011 at New York University Law School. The topic was “Who Really Invented the Telephone?” The program began with a mock trial on inventorship between Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray before the Hon. Pauline Newman of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Representing the parties were Dorothy Auth of Cadwalader, the late Ron Clayton of Fitzpatrick, James Hanft of Kane Kessler, Joe Loy of Kirkland & Ellis and John Moehringer of Cadwalader. Acting as moderator and a witness were Anthony Giaccio of Kenyon & Kenyon (Chair of the Executive Committee of the Inn) and John Lane of Cowan Liebowitz, a member of the Inn Executive Committee. Playing the role of Alexander Graham Bell, the featured speaker in a discussion after the mock trial was Ed Grosvenor, Editor in Chief of American Heritage Magazine who is a great grandson of Alexander Graham Bell.



Special Guests: Eight high school students from the Inner City Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of New York
 A copyright program involving mock closing arguments in the hypothetical case
Orphan Copyright Owners v. Goliath Book Publisher – April 13, 2011

A copyright program involving mock closing arguments in the hypothetical case *Orphan Copyright Owners v. Goliath Book Publisher* was presented at the April 13, 2011 meeting. The jury was made up of eight high school students from the Inner City Scholarship Fund of the Archdioceses of New York. Representing the parties were Robert Baechtold of Fitzpatrick Cella, Eugene Chang



of Willkie Farr & Gallagher, Paul Garrity of Sheppard Mullin, AnnMarie Hassett of Goodwin Procter, Jonathan Moskin of Foley & Lardner and Joseph Sherinsky of Orrick. Judge Barbara Jones delivered the jury instructions. The jury deliberations were broadcast to the members in the court room. Following the deliberations there was a panel discussion that included the participants in the argument, the Hon. Roslynn Mauskopf of the Eastern District of New York and Anthony Giaccio.



Oral argument of a Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss the suit *Linn Inn v. RIPLA*, which concerned Judge Linn's Objectively Reckless Habanera and Jalapeno Hot Sauces – May 26, 2011



The May 26, 2011 meeting of the Inn was an oral argument of a Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss the suit *Linn Inn v. RIPLA*, which concerned Judge Linn's Objectively Reckless Habanera and Jalapeno Hot Sauces. The scenario for the case was that a label for the hot sauces was created by Judge Linn's law clerk and the hot sauces were made by Gourmet Mikes for the clerk. With the clerk's permission the Linn Inn purchased additional bottles and distributed them without charge. Using deceptive means the Rouge IPLA obtained 1,000 bottles and began selling them without permission. The Linn Inn received trademark and copyright assignments from the clerk and initiated the suit. The



case was presented to Judge Barbara Jones. Representing the Linn Inn were Noel Humphreys of Connell Foley, Anne Li of Kenyon & Kenyon and Angela Ni of Paul Hastings. Representing RIPLA were James Dabney of Fried Frank, Michael Sanders of Kenyon & Kenyon and Leslie Spencer of Ropes and Gray. The panel discussion that followed the argument included a presentation by Martin Nagel of the Office of Special Enforcement of the Office of the Mayor of New York.

The final meeting of the year was an Open Courthouse program held on July 21, 2011. Inn members and summer associates from their firms were invited to sit in on trials throughout the day. Presentations were made by Ruby J. Krajick, Clerk of the Court for the Southern District of New York, and members of her staff discussing the court's Electronic Filing System, Attorney Admission Requirements and Rules Concerning Bringing Things into the Courthouse and concluded with a tour of the 500 Pearl Street Courthouse. Hon. Barbara S. Jones, Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska and Anthony Giaccio provided welcoming remarks.



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Mentoring Program for Student and Associate Members - February 10, 2011



Remembering Hon. William C. Conner

This display case can be found at the US Southern District Court House at 500 Pearl Street, NYC



Enlargements of two letters on display are on the following pages



The late Hon. William C. Conner being honored at the Inn's Inaugural Reception and Dinner in 2009 by the Chair of the Inn's Executive Committee, Anthony Giaccio



Chief Judge Dennis Jacobs and the late Hon. William C. Conner at the Inn's Inaugural Reception and Dinner in 2009



Anthony Giaccio, Chair of the Inn's Executive Committee, presenting yellow roses to former Texan, the late Mrs. Janice Conner at the Inn's Inaugural Reception and Dinner in 2009, while another former Texan, the late Hon. William C. Conner, looks on



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
300 QUARROPAS STREET
WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10601

WILLIAM C. CONNER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

COPY

January 16, 2009

Hon. Barbara S. Jones
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Barbara:

In deference to your wise admonition that remarks from me at the Inaugural Dinner of the Conner Inn of Court were not expected (and apparently not desired), I stifled expression of my profound appreciation for a truly unforgettable affair which got the Inn off to a roaring start. But, freed from your gag order, I must now rectify my previous omission and complete the record.

Divine providence must have guided the NYIPLA in selecting you as the Inn's first president and Colleen as its first Counsel and president in waiting. With your encouragement and example, the NYIPLA's enthusiastic support of the Inn has far exceeded any reasonable expectations. Anthony Giaccio and Thomas Meloro spared no expense and overlooked no conceivable detail in the planning and execution of the Dinner: the excellent Commemorative Journal prepared by Dale Carlson; the Remarks of Chief Judge Michel, Judge Linn and Judge Newman; the attendance of the presidents of IP Inns from Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.; the guest invitations to so many of my fellow judges, including Chief Judges Jacobs, Feinberg and Wood; the uproarious "roast" MC'd by you and Colleen; the engraved crystal commemorative plaque, golf putter and balls presented to me; the yellow roses presented to Jan; and the cleverly worded tee shirts prepared for both of us.

To say that I was overwhelmed and humbled by it all would be a pallid understatement. With such a beginning, with such support, and with the guidance of you and Colleen, the success of the Inn in achieving its worthy goal of promoting professionalism, legal skills, ethics and civility in the practice of intellectual property law is virtually assured.

With heartfelt appreciation and highest personal regards.

Sincerely

Bill

William C. Conner

CC: Hon. Colleen McMahon
Anthony Giaccio, Esq.
Thomas Meloro, Esq.
Dale Carlson, Esq.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
300 QUARROPAS STREET
WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10601

WILLIAM C. CONNER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

January 16, 2009

Anthony Giaccio, Esq.
Kenyon & Kenyon
One Broadway
New York, N. Y. 10004

Dear Anthony:

Although I was under a strict injunction wisely issued by Judge Jones limiting my speech-making at the Inaugural Dinner Thursday night, I can no longer stifle expression of my profound gratitude for a truly unforgettable experience. You and your committee did an amazing job of planning and preparation to make it come off flawlessly, including such unexpected pleasures as the jewel of a commemorative journal prepared by Dale Carlson for distribution at the Dinner, the remarks of Chief Judge Paul Michel and Judges Richard Linn and Pauline Newman, the uproarious "roasting" by Judges Barbara Jones and Colleen McMahon, the yellow roses for Mrs. Conner, the engraved crystal plaque, golf putter and balls presented to me and the appropriately worded tee shirts for both of us. My secretary/courtroom deputy and law clerks were thrilled to be invited and, I hope, even believed some of the extravagantly gracious statements made about me.

It was great to see so many other judges there, including Judge Dyk and Chief Judges Jacobs, Feinberg and Wood as well as officers of IP Inns of Court from D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia. With support like that, we surely cannot fail to achieve our worthy objective of promoting professional skill, ethics and civility in the practice of intellectual property law.

It is an incredible honor to have such a noble enterprise bear my name. Please let me know what I can do to help insure its success. With heart-felt thanks and best personal regards,

Sincerely



William C. Conner





Hon. Pauline Newman

*Circuit Judge
United States Court of Appeals
for the Federal Circuit*

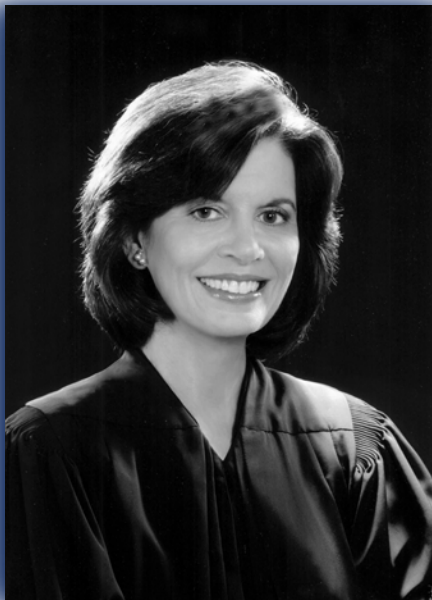
Judge Pauline Newman was nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit by President Reagan on January 30, 1984, and assumed the duties of such office on May 7, 1984.

She received a B.A. degree from Vassar College in 1947, an M.A. degree in Pure Science from Columbia University in 1948, and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Yale University in 1952. She received an L.L.B. degree from New York University School of Law in 1958.

Judge Newman was the Director of Patent, Trademark and Licensing at FMC Corporation at the time of her appointment to the bench. She also served as patent attorney and house counsel of FMC Corporation and as a research scientist at American Cyanamid Company. She worked for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as a science policy specialist in the Department of Natural Resources.

Judge Newman has served as an officer and director of several bar and scientific organizations. She has also served on several public advisory committees, including the Advisory Committee to the Domestic Policy Review of Industrial Innovation and the State Department Advisory Committee on International Intellectual Property. She was Special Adviser to the United States Delegation to the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.





Hon. Carol Bagley Amon

*Chief Judge
United States District Court
for the Eastern District of New York*

Judge Carol Bagley Amon was nominated to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York by President George H.W. Bush on May 18, 1990. She received commission on August 7, 1990, and has served as Chief Judge since April 5, 2011.

She received a B.S. degree from the College of William and Mary in 1968 and a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1971.

Judge Amon served as a staff attorney at Communications Satellite Corporation in Washington, D.C. from 1971 to 1973. The following year, she was a trial attorney for the Narcotics Task Force of the U.S. Department of Justice. She served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York from 1974 to 1986; chief of frauds from 1978 to 1980; chief of general crimes from 1981 to 1982; and senior litigation counsel from 1984 to 1986. From 1986 to 1990, she served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York.

Judge Amon was a member of the Judicial Committee on Codes of Conduct from 1993 to 2001 and chair from 1998 to 2001. She also served as an advisor to the American Bar Association Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct and President of the Federal Bar Council Inn of Court from 2007 to 2008.





Hon. Kimba M. Wood

*Senior District Judge
United States District Court
for the Southern District of New York*

Judge Kimba M. Wood was nominated to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by President Ronald Reagan on December 18, 1987. She was sworn in on July 28, 1988. She served as Chief Judge from 2006-2009.

Born in Port Townsend, Washington, she received a B.A. degree from Connecticut College, an M.Sc. degree from London School of Economics, and a J.D. degree from Harvard School of Law.

Judge Wood was an attorney at Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C. from 1969 to 1970. She became an attorney for the Office of Economic Opportunity (Office of Legal Services) in 1970. From 1971 until her confirmation to the bench, she worked at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae in New York.



Honored Guests

SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR

Hon. Pauline Newman, Circuit Judge
United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Hon. Carol Bagley Amon, Chief Judge
United States District Court, Eastern District of New York

Hon. Kimba M. Wood, Senior District Judge
United States District Court, Southern District of New York

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Hon. Richard Linn, Circuit Judge
Hon. Pauline Newman, Circuit Judge
Hon. Jimmi V. Reyna, Circuit Judge
Hon. Evan J. Wallach, Circuit Judge

Second Circuit

Hon. John M. Walker, Jr., Senior Circuit Judge

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Hon. John F. Keenan, Senior District Judge
Hon. Louis L. Stanton, Senior District Judge
Hon. Kimba M. Wood, Senior District Judge
Hon. Deborah A. Batts, District Judge
Hon. Barbara S. Jones, District Judge
Hon. John G. Koeltl, District Judge
Hon. William H. Pauley, District Judge



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Hon. Edward R. Korman, Senior District Judge
Hon. Thomas C. Platt, Senior District Judge
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Hon. Joanna Seybert, District Judge
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Hon. Joan M. Azrack, Magistrate Judge
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Douglas C. Palmer, Clerk of Court

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Prof. Katherine J. Strandburg, New York University School of Law
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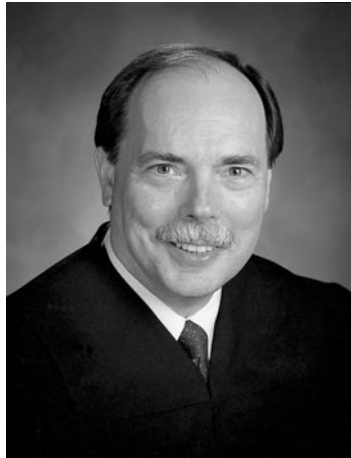
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Kelvin Gentles · *Inner-City Scholarship Fund*



Judge Richard Linn Receives 2011 American Inns of Court A. Sherman Christensen Award

Judge Richard Linn of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, was chosen to receive the prestigious American Inns of Court 2011 A. Sherman Christensen Award. Dean Deanell Reece Tacha of Pepperdine University School of Law, presented the award at the annual American Inns of Court Celebration of Excellence, hosted by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, at the Supreme Court of the United States on November 5, 2011.



Given in the name of the founder of the first American Inn of Court, this award is bestowed upon a member of the American Inns of Court who has provided distinguished, exceptional, and significant leadership to the American Inns of Court movement. The recipient exemplifies the qualities of leadership and commitment displayed by Judge A. Sherman Christensen. In addition to the award's namesake, previous award winners have included Chief Justice Warren Burger, Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Justice Randy J. Holland of the Supreme Court of Delaware, and last year's recipient, Judge Chris W. Altenbernd of the Florida Second District Court of Appeal.

Since 2000, Judge Linn has been a circuit judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He is past president of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court in Washington, DC, a member of the eponymous Richard Linn

American Inn of Court in Chicago, IL, and a visiting member of the Honorable William C. Conner American Inn of Court in New York, New York. His vision and guidance have led to the formation and continued success of 12 American Inns of Court in the last five years and to the innovative Linn Inn Alliance, which connects the now 16 intellectual property Inns nationwide. Judge Linn's present goal is "20 by 2012", and discussions are underway with groups in several cities to

achieve that goal.

Judge Linn holds an undergraduate degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center. President Bill Clinton appointed him to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on September 28, 1999. He was one of the founding board of governors of the Virginia State Bar Section on Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Law and recently played a key role in the first U.S.-Canadian Patent Law Symposium. A former adjunct professor and professorial lecturer at The George Washington University Law School, Judge Linn has served on its intellectual property advisory board and been honored with awards from the American Bar Association and the intellectual property law associations of New York, New Jersey, and Austin, Texas.

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Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court Achieves American Inns of Court Silver Achieving Excellence Award

*T*he American Inns of Courts has set up a tiered Achieving Excellence program based on the successes of an Inn's activities. The levels recognize mastering of five core competencies of Inn management: Administration, Communications, Programs, Mentoring, and Outreach Activities.

The Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court is proud to receive a Silver Achieving Excellence Award for our activities during the 2010-2011 membership year.



In Memoriam Ronald A. Clayton



Ronald A. Clayton, a loyal and dedicated member of the Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2011. Ron was a Founding Member of the Inn, and he expertly argued several of the Inn's cases before judicial members of the Inn including Judge Newman and Magistrate Judge Fox (Ret.). Ron was a member of the Inn since its inception in 2008.

For 39 years, Ron practiced law with Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto, where he was Chair of that firm's Copyrights Practice Group. His broad experience in representing clients in District Court and Appellate Court proceedings, as well as inter partes proceedings at the USPTO, allowed him to offer astute litigation insights to the Inn, which he did readily and frequently. Ron devoted much time and effort to many of the Inn's programs, and his contributions were always sought and always greatly appreciated.

In memory of Ronald A. Clayton, the Inn made a donation to the Mercy Learning Center, Bridgeport, Connecticut, which provides basic literacy and life skills training to low-income women.



Conner Inn Annual Reception and Dinner 2011



Jeffrey Butler, Judge Colleen McMahon, Judge Richard Linn, Judith Jacobs, Chief Judge Dennis Jacobs, Judge Barbara Jones, Anthony Giaccio, Melvin Garner, Prof. Katherine Strandburg, Thomas Meloro



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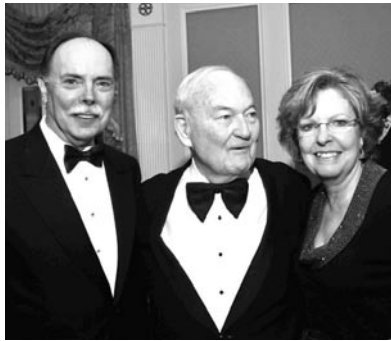


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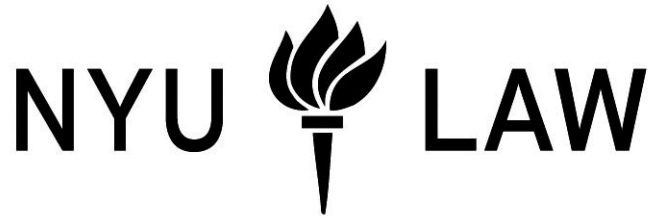
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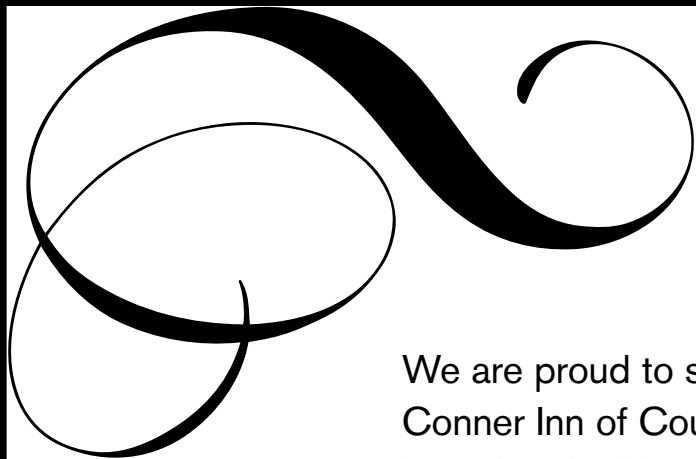
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