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# **The Richard Linn American Inn of Court**



**2024-2025 Membership Handbook**  
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Dear Linn Inn Members,

I am very honored to serve as President of the Inn this year. The Program Meetings look to be interesting and fun, covering a wide array of important developments in the practice of IP law. The goal of the Inn is to foster professionalism, ethics and civility in the practice of intellectual property law. With the help of the dedicated new officers of the Inn, we will accomplish that goal this year, as we have in the past. I strongly urge every member to attend as many Program Meetings as possible in person. The connections and personal interactions among Inn members are one of the most important factors in meet that goal.

Congratulations to our Inn for again achieving platinum recognition. We extend our appreciation to Secretary **Sarah Wang** who ensured that our Inn fulfilled the necessary requirements for this honor.

The Inn is hosting its annual Golf Outing on **Monday, September 9th at Harborside International**. Please consider putting together a foursome and joining us! If you are not a golfer, you can still attend. Non-golfers are encouraged to attend the post-golf reception. If you are interested in golfing or attending the reception, please register at <https://www.golfinvite.net/linninn>. If you have any questions, or are interested in sponsoring the outing, please contact **Shaun Hawkinson** ([shawkinson@lsk-iplaw.com](mailto:shawkinson@lsk-iplaw.com)).

Turning to Inn business, our Membership Chair **Luiz Miranda** recently invited several attorneys to join our Inn. Please welcome the following new members: Smitha Uthaman (Latham & Watkins), Stephanie Bald (Kelly IP), David Roulo (Honigman) Marianne Buckley (Hanley Flight Zimmerman), Michael Fleck (RSHC Law), Michelle Chin (Latham & Watkins), Paul Collier (Quinn Emanuel), Sarah Burstein (Chicago-Kent College of Law), Alex Olshannikov (USPTO). We encourage you to contact these new members and welcome them to the Inn. Meeting new friends and maintaining collegial relationships with old ones are some of the things that make our Inn special.

The Linn Inn is excited to host the Pegasus Scholars in Chicago from November 8 to November 15, 2024. As you may know, the Pegasus Scholars are two barristers from the United Kingdom who will spend six weeks in the United States to gain a broad but thorough exposure to the American Legal System. The Program Meeting on Thursday, November 14, at Kraft Heinz's headquarters, will feature the Pegasus Scholars and a comparison of English and American advocacy and legal systems.

All members should have received an email with information about how to renew your membership. Please take a moment to pay your dues using the website at <http://www.linninn.org/Member/>. You might also consider making a donation to help fund our *Mark T. Banner* and *Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarships*. As in past years, CLE credit is only available to members who are current on dues.

Whether you are a mentee or mentor, we encourage you to maintain an active mentorship relationship this year. Returning and new mentors and mentees should fill in the attached mentorship form and return it to our Mentor Chair **Louise Arnott** ([larnott@michaelbest.com](mailto:larnott@michaelbest.com)). If you have comments or questions about our mentorship program, please contact Louise.

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Lastly, pupillage groups have been assigned and our meeting schedule set for the upcoming 2024-2025 programming year. The pupillage group assignments are attached. In addition, please mark your calendars for the below Program Meetings. As a reminder, each Pupil, Associate, Government, In-House, Academic, Barrister and Bench member must attend at least five of the eight monthly meetings, with in-person attendance at three meetings, to remain a member in good standing. All Program Meetings are 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. **Please note that, due to scheduling requirements, three of our meetings will be on Tuesday evenings, rather than the traditional Thursday evenings.** Check-in/CLE sign-in begins a half hour before the scheduled Program Meeting. Post Program Reception begins immediately after the Program Meeting. The dress code will continue to be business casual for all meetings, other than the Advocacy Challenge, for which business attire is required for attendance at the Dirksen Building.

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| <u>Date &amp; Location</u>                                   | <u>Co-chairs</u>                                  | <u>Topic/Title</u>  |
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| Tuesday<br>October 8<br>Crowell & Moring                     | Emily Kappers<br>Christine Filarski               | Tri-Inn Intellectual Property Jeopardy-Style Competition                            |
| Thursday<br>November 14<br>Kraft Heinz                       | Peggy Herrmann<br>Kenny Matuszewski<br>Adam Kelly | Mind the Gap: Between US and UK Advocacy  |
| Tuesday<br>January 14<br>Greer Burns                         | Amy Ziegler<br>Zareefa Flener                     | From A to Z of Schedule A   |
| Thursday<br>February 20<br>Steptoe or Wilkie Farr            | Craig Martin<br>Robert Kappers                    | <i>Chevron</i> Deferred   |
| Thursday<br>March 6<br><b>Noon start time</b><br>Mayer Brown | Rob Pluta<br>Alison Richards                      | Patent Party (the Unified Patent Court)   |
| Thursday<br>April 17<br>Dirksen Building                     | Lisa Iverson<br>Ryan Schermerhorn                 | Advocacy Challenge (All Stars)  |
| Thursday<br>May 8<br>Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila            | Chris Carani<br>Mike Fleck                        | From Infringement to Validity: The Federal Circuit's Re-Design of Design Patent Law |

We look forward to a great year!

Best regards,  
Craig Leavell

## Meeting Dates and Logistics

### I. Monthly Meetings

The Linn Inn generally meets once a month from September through May. Meetings are held at either the offices of a hosting law firm or the Everett McKinley Dirksen Federal Building. This program year, we endeavor to host in-person meetings with an online option for most meetings for those who cannot join us live. Please note that this year, in addition to the requirement that **members attend at least five of the eight monthly meetings**, there is a requirement that **members attend at least three meetings in-person** to help build and maintain relationships within the Inn.

Meetings are typically on weekdays and generally follow the schedule below:

5:30-6:00: Check-In  
6:00-7:00: Program  
7:00-8:30: Reception/Networking

An Executive Committee member, program chair, or Linn Inn administrator will circulate an email to all members approximately one week before each meeting. The email will contain specifics about the meeting location, time, and program. Members must RSVP for each meeting according to the instructions in the email. *Given the above variability, please be sure to check each meeting invite carefully for the time and location of each meeting.*

#### A. Monthly Meeting Dates

The monthly meetings for the 2024-2025 year are currently scheduled for:

Tuesday September 10, 2024  
Tuesday, October 8, 2024  
Thursday, November 14, 2024  
~  
No meeting in December  
~  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
Thursday, February 20, 2025  
Thursday, March 6, 2025  
Thursday, April 17, 2025

Thursday, May 8, 2025

## **B. Meetings Held at the Dirksen Building**

One or more monthly meetings for the 2024-2025 year may be held at the Dirksen Building at 219 South Dearborn Street. Due to building security requirements, members and their guests must arrive *before* 6:00 p.m. and have government issued identification in order to enter the building. Receptions following meetings held at the Dirksen Federal Building are at a different location. Business formal attire (business suit) is required. Please check the program schedule for details.

## **C. Attire**

Business casual attire is appropriate for all in-person monthly meetings, except for meetings hosted at the Court (*e.g.*, advocacy challenge), for which business formal attire (business suit) is required.

## **D. RSVP and Guests**

The Executive Committee developed an RSVP and guest policy for Program Meetings to better serve the members of the Linn Inn. In developing this policy, the Committee carefully considered increasing venue size constraints, food/beverage budgets, and fairness and comfort to members and guests. This policy includes reminders of Linn Inn rules. Please review the policy and feel free to contact any Executive Committee member if you have any questions.

- All Linn Inn members must RSVP 24-hours in advance of Program Meetings according to the Program Meeting email invitation.
- A member may bring only four guests per Program Year.
  - For example, the member could do any of the following:
    - Bring four guests to one meeting;
    - Bring the same guest to four different meetings; or
    - Bring four different guests to four different meetings.
- The host member must RSVP for the guest in advance of the Program Meeting.
- Either the host member or the guest can pay the guest fee at the registration table. The fee is \$25 payable by cash or check. A reduced \$15 guest fee is due for student guests. Checks should be made payable to the “Richard Linn American Inn of Court.” The guest fees are contributed to the Linn Inn Scholarship Fund.
- Guests do not receive CLE credit.
- The host member must attend the meeting the guest attends.

- At a Program Meeting, an Officer may invite the host members to introduce a first-time guest at the Linn Inn Meeting. At that time, the host member should stand up with the first-time guest and give a very short introduction of the guest – name, firm/affiliation, one line summary of practice, relationship or stand-out fact about the guest.

The Executive Committee appreciates your cooperation in following this policy so that we can enhance our members’ experience at Program Meetings. Most importantly, please RSVP before each meeting and identify any guests you intend to bring in advance so that we can plan for an accurate headcount for seating and food/drink. We welcome feedback on this policy at the end-of-year survey.

Please note that for virtual meetings, the Linn Inn waives the guest fees and does not limit the number of guests who can attend. Instead, we encourage members or guests to donate to one of our scholarship funds.

#### **E. CLE Credit**

CLE credit is available for all monthly programs for active Linn Inn members, including one meeting each year for which ethics credit is available. **Note that if we do not timely receive a completed form and dues payment by the time of the first meeting, you will not be considered a member of the Inn for this program year and will not receive CLE credit for any programs attended.** Each member wishing to receive CLE credit must sign the attendance sheet and provide an ARDC number in order to receive credit. Within approximately two weeks of each program, the CLE chair will send each member a Certificate of Attendance for the program. Each member should sign the record of attendance and keep it for three years after the end of the relevant two-year CLE reporting period. In the event the member is audited by the Illinois MCLE Board, the member may be required to submit the record of attendance.

#### **F. Name Tags**

Each Inn member will receive a reusable plastic name badge, which must be worn at meetings. Name badges should be returned to the administrators following each meeting for safekeeping. A \$25 fee is required for lost name tags and may be paid via cash or check to the Linn Inn administrator(s) at the beginning of one of the monthly meetings or via mail at the address listed on the “Officers and Administrators” tab below.

## **II. Annual Holiday Party**

The Linn Inn often hosts a holiday party in lieu of a December meeting and information about this event is typically announced prior to the November monthly meeting. The holiday party this year will take place on November 20, 2024.

## **III. Annual Dinner**

The Linn Inn typically hosts an annual black-tie dinner each summer. Invitations for the dinner are typically sent in the spring.



## Member Responsibilities

Members are reminded that membership in the Linn Inn is, at all times, at the discretion of the Executive Committee at any time.

**Attendance:** Each Pupil, Associate, Government, In-House, Academic, Barrister and Bencher member must attend at least five of the eight monthly meetings during the 2024-2025 program year. **There is a requirement of in-person attendance for at least three out of the five required sessions.** If a member is unable to attend at least five meetings, with three being in-person, membership may, at the Board's discretion, not be renewed the next year to allow room for more active members. Such member will be allowed to provide an explanation for a failure to attend the required number of meetings. Emeritus members are exempt from the meeting minimum requirements but should sign in at each meeting that is attended to receive CLE credit.

**Pupilage Group Participation:** Members should participate in preparing their pupilage group's presentation. Pupilage group participation will be a consideration when membership is evaluated each year.

**Dues:** Members must pay their annual dues before the first meeting of each September- May term. Dues should be sent to the Linn Inn Treasurer with the "Membership & Dues Form" located on page 12 of this Handbook. Alternatively, payment may be made online at <http://www.linninn.org/Member/>.

**Contact Information:** Members should notify the Membership Chair of any change in address, phone number, facsimile number or email address.

**Charitable Activities:** Each year, the Linn Inn endeavors to select a charitable initiative to undertake with volunteer time and financial support. For example, the Inn spearheaded the creation of the "American Dream" playroom in the Dirksen Courthouse, to provide a safe play space for young children whose loved ones are participating in a naturalization ceremony. Your participation in these activities is encouraged.

**AIC Platinum Award:** Each year, the American Inns of Court Foundation awards a select number of Inns to receive Platinum level status, representing the highest level of Inn excellence. The Linn Inn is a perennial recipient of Platinum status because of its superior programming and other activities. This status reflects the importance of each members' participation according to the foregoing guidelines.

## Officers and Administrators

The Officers for the 2024-2025 Inn of Court year are as follows:

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| President:                        | Craig Levell   |
| President-Elect:                  | Judge John Kness   |
| Immediate Past President:         | Julianne Hartzell  |
| Vice President:                   | Wasim Bleibel  |
| Judicial Counselors:              | Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer<br>Judge Matthew F. Kennelly<br>Judge Virginia M. Kendall |
| Secretary:                        | Lisa Iverson<br>Stephanie Felicetty  |
| Treasurer:                        | Shaun Hawkinson  |
| Membership Chair:                 | Luiz Miranda   |
| Mentor Chair:                     | Louise Arnott  |
| Program Chairs:                   | Sarah Wang<br>Carrie Beyer   |
| CLE Chair:                        | Devon Beane  |
| Events Chair:                     | Marcus Harris  |
| Mark T. Banner Scholarship Chair: | Emily Kappers  |
| Keys Scholarship Chair            | Tasha Francis Gerasimow  |
| Linn Inn Alliance/DIPLA Liaison   | Peggy Hermann  |
| Social/Ragnar Chair               | Matthew J. Kelly   |
| Executive Director                | Olivia Bedi  |

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| Past Presidents Circle: | Olivia Bedi<br>Judge Matthew F. Kennelly<br>Charles W. Shifley<br>Meredith Martin Addy<br>Judge James F. Holderman<br>Robert A. Surrette<br>Julie Katz<br>Matthew W. Walch<br>Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer<br>Margaret M. Duncan<br>Adam Kelly<br>Amy C. Ziegler<br>Judge Thomas M. Durkin |
|-------------------------|--|

Officers are subject to election once each year. Please contact the current President if you are interested in serving as an Officer for the following term.

## 2024-2025 Program Schedule

All Program Meetings are 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Check-in/CLE sign-in begins at 5:30 p.m.

Post Program Reception/Networking begins immediately after the Program Meeting.

| Date  | Co-chairs                                      | Topic   | Format/Location                       |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday<br>September 10                       | Tasha Gerasimow & Ryan Daniel                  | Breaking the Cycle: Managing Imposter Syndrome and Perfectionism                    | Hybrid / Kirkland & Ellis             |
| Tuesday<br>October 8                          | Emily Kappers & Christine Filarski             | Tri-Inn Intellectual Property Jeopardy-Style Competition                            | Hybrid / Crowell & Moring             |
| Thursday<br>November 14                       | Peggy Herrmann, Kenny Matuszewski & Adam Kelly | Mind the Gap: Between US and UK Advocacy  | Hybrid / Kraft Heinz                  |
| Tuesday<br>January 14                         | Amy Ziegler & Zareefa Flener                   | From A to Z of Schedule A   | Hybrid / Greer Burns                  |
| Thursday<br>February 20                       | Craig Martin & Robert Kappers                  | <i>Chevron</i> Deferred   | Hybrid /Willkie Farr                  |
| Thursday<br>March 6<br><b>Noon start time</b> | Rob Pluta & Alison Richards                    | Patent Party (the Unified Patent Court)   | Hybrid / Mayer Brown                  |
| Thursday April<br>17                          | Lisa Iverson & Ryan Schermerhorn               | Advocacy Challenge (All Stars)  | In-person / Dirksen Building          |
| Thursday May<br>8                             | Chris Carani & Mike Fleck                      | From Infringement to Validity: The Federal Circuit’s Re-Design of Design Patent Law | Hybrid / Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila |

# The Richard Linn American Inn of Court 2024-2025 Membership & Dues Form

## SECTION 1: MEMBER INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Admitted to the Bar: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary area of practice within IP: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this form, I indicate my desire to be a member of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court (Organization) for 2024-2025. In accepting this membership, I agree to attend **at least five programs\*** during the Inn year (including attendance in person for at least three of the five required programs) and to submit the dues indicated below by **August 31, 2024**. (\*Emeritus members are exempt from the attendance requirement.) **If I do not timely submit the dues, then I will not be considered a member by the Organization and will not receive CLE credit for any programs attended.** If I do not meet the minimum attendance requirement, then the Organization need not invite me to be a member for the following year. Judicial and honorary members are exempt from dues payments.

## SECTION 2: DUES

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| \$400 | Bencher (15 years of practice or longer; Founders)             |
| \$375 | Emeritus (34 years or longer on an individual basis)           |
| \$325 | Barrister (9-14 years of practice)                             |
| \$225 | Associate (8 years of practice or less)                        |
| \$125 | Academic/Government/In-House (Regardless of years of practice) |
| \$75  | Pupil (law student)  |

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 3: PAYMENT

**Online:** You may pay your membership dues online at: <http://www.linninn.org/Member/> . If your employer is making a payment online for more than one attorney, please make sure your name is referenced in the comments section of the online form. Please indicate in the "Total Amount Enclosed" above if you paid online and email your form to Katie Cordova at [kcordova@gbc.law](mailto:kcordova@gbc.law).

**Check:** You may also pay by physical check. If your employer is issuing a physical check on your behalf, please make sure that your name is referenced somewhere on the check. Make the check payable to The Richard Linn American Inn of Court and mail it with this completed form to:

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court  
c/o Katie Cordova  
Greer Burns & Crain  
300 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2500  
Chicago, IL 60610  
(312) 360-0080

# MENTORING



## THE RICHARD LINN AMERICAN INN OF COURT MENTORING PROGRAM

One of the purposes of the Richard Linn American Inn of Court is to facilitate the development of private mentoring relationships between members of the Inn outside of the regularly scheduled Inn meetings. To this end, members will generally be grouped into mentoring triads consisting of one senior member (Emeritus or Bencher), one less senior member (Bencher or Barrister) and one junior member (Associate or Pupil). Absent any indication by an Inn member to the contrary, all new members and all other interested members will be assigned to a mentorship group, with the group being completed from the broader Inn membership as needed.

Regular interaction between mentors and mentees is encouraged, and a minimum of four meetings (in person or virtual) is recommended. The junior member (Associate or Pupil) should reach out to their mentor within two weeks of the announcement of their mentorship grouping to schedule a get-acquainted meeting, with subsequent mentoring activities to continue throughout the Inn program year. The Inn welcomes any feedback on the mentorship experience throughout the year and as part of the Inn's end of year survey.

For those interested in a more formal mentorship program eligible for CLE credit, more information is available at [www.2civility.org/mentoring/](http://www.2civility.org/mentoring/).

To facilitate the assignment of mentorship groups, this form should be completed and submitted to our Mentor Chair, Louise Arnott, who will contact you with your group assignment. If you have any specific requests, please let her know.

### MENTORING PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM ~ 2024-2025

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

EMERITUS  BENCHER  BARRISTER  ASSOCIATE  PUPIL  LAW CLERK

I AM INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AS a:

MENTOR  MENTEE

PRACTICE AREAS OF INTEREST:

PATENT  TRADEMARK  COPYRIGHT  
 LITIGATION  PROSECUTION  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER COMMENTS/PREFERENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Louise Arnott, Mentor Chair, [larnott@michaelbest.com](mailto:larnott@michaelbest.com)



## Mark T. Banner Scholarship

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the Mark T. Banner Scholarship. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds.

### **Eligibility**

Law students who are enrolled in a JD program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States and who will continue in that program through the Fall 2024 are eligible to apply for the Mark T. Banner Scholarship.

### **Selection Criteria**

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Mark T. Banner Scholarship review board based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to the pursuit of a career in IP law. An ability to demonstrate commitment to the pursuit of a career in IP law is an essential requirement.
- Commitment, qualities and actions toward ethics, civility and professionalism.
- Academic merit (undergraduate, graduate and law school).
- Written and oral communication skills determined in part through a video interview for finalists.
- Leadership qualities and community involvement.

### **Financial Award**

The recipient of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive \$10,000 payable for their/her/his Fall 2025 semester of law school.

**Application Process**

Applications will be accepted from now through 11:59 p.m. (CST) Dec. 6, 2024. The winner will be notified by April 2025 and the award will be announced at the Linn Inn of Court's annual dinner in Summer of 2025.

Applicants should submit the following documents as a **single PDF format file** for consideration:

- Completed Mark T. Banner Scholarship Application Form (this form)
- Resume
- Academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate school)
- Three-page statement (maximum) describing (a) how ethics, civility and professionalism have been a focus of the candidate; (b) the candidate's commitment to the pursuit of a career in IP law
- Contact information for three references (this form)

**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation (expected): \_\_\_\_\_

Law School GPA/Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate University and Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate GPA/Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence of Commitment to IP: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly explain under what historically under-represented category in IP law, if any, you fall within (e.g., race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**REFERENCE 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Electronic or Original Signature of Applicant<sup>1</sup>

Application materials, formatted as a single PDF file, should  
be submitted by e-mail to:

**Mark T. Banner Scholarship**  
c/o The Richard Linn American Inn of Court  
[markbannerscholarship@linninn.org](mailto:markbannerscholarship@linninn.org)

Please include "Banner Scholarship" in the subject line of all emails to the Inn.

Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information about Mark T. Banner and  
The Richard Linn American Inn of Court.

<sup>1</sup> The applicant represents by the applicant's signature that the applicant understands that (a) selections for scholarships by the Inn are final and not subject to review by the American Inns of Court Foundation, (b) all materials submitted by applicants shall become the property of the Linn Inn, for disposal or to be retained as the Linn Inn sees fit, and (c) awards of scholarships shall include Inn press releases, may reveal information about the applicant from the application process, and may become known to the applicants' fellow students, law school faculty and administration, family, friends and others.

## Origins of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship



The Richard Linn Inn is a labor of love. The engagement of Inn members in the activities of the Inn gains them not prestige, time, or money, but joys and opportunities. Mark T. Banner, a founding member of the Inn, passed on in the Inn's formative first year, before we had the chance to enjoy his contributions to the Inn at any length. The Inn names its scholarship and awards the scholarship to those who deserve to receive it in the name of Mark T. Banner, however, for many reasons - in honor of his passion in the practice, to accelerate more "Marks" into our field, to help fill the hole his absence leaves behind, and to remind us all, donors and recipients, of not only the tasks of gaining civility, ethics and professionalism in ourselves and others, but also the joys and the opportunity the Linn Inn scholarship surely provides.

The son of a Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and the youngest in a family of lawyers including four IP lawyers, Mark T. Banner channeled into his IP legal practice all the wit, intellect and passion of an experienced, savvy, fun-loving family who argued IP law at the dinner table. Mark loved life and was a born litigator, with an uncanny ability to phrase memorable, compelling arguments in words of life's experiences, and that drove home key points from complicated legal and factual patterns. He applied his gifts in litigating tirelessly, but also in educating nationally. Once a Chicago Transit Authority bus driver, he taught Patent Trial Advocacy at Georgetown University Law Center using images of buses on city streets, and the message that for best litigators, "All Roads Lead To Trial."



Mark wowed juries. He had a presence at an appellate podium the bench called "astounding." He rose in heated ABA debates to rooms that would quiet because his insightful views would be memorably phrased. His abilities as a teacher were called a "privilege" to experience.

His purposes in teaching lawyers who in the future would compete with him, rather than just devoting himself completely to handling a first-level litigation practice, committing full-tilt to leading high level ABA activities, and always having time for friends, family, and a Rob Roy, he best described himself:

This is a labor of love. ... It has to be. As any adjunct professor of law today knows, teaching ... while engaged in a full-time law practice in today's environment is not something that earns one more prestige with your peers, more time with your family, or more money. What it does earn is the sheer joy of helping younger and eager students progress in their professional development We are grateful for the opportunity and most of all to meet and work with the many young professionals who make this labor of love so rewarding.

The teaching of civility, ethics and professionalism that occurs within the Inn is a matter of Mark's labor of love, and naming our Inn scholarship for Mark, we remind ourselves and recipients of the "sheer joy" of right thinkers in "helping younger and eager students progress in their professional development" and "the opportunity" it surely is "to meet and work with the many young professionals who make this labor of love so rewarding."



## Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship

The Richard Linn Inn American Inns of Court is proud to offer its Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship for Law Students. This scholarship is part of the Linn Inn's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility, and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds.

### Eligibility

Second- and third-year students in a Juris Doctorate program at an ABA-accredited HBCU law school in the United States at the time of filing the application are eligible to apply for the Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship. Students eligible for this scholarship should consider also applying for the Mark T. Banner Scholarship offered by the Linn Inn that is awarded on similar criteria, except that the Banner Scholarship is not limited to HBCU students.

### Selection Criteria

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Linn Inn scholarship review board based on the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in an ABA-accredited law school at an HBCU;
2. In second or third year of law school;
3. Commitment, qualities and actions toward ethics, civility, and professionalism;
4. Academic merit (undergraduate, graduate and law school);
5. Written and oral communication skills determined in part through a telephone interview;
6. Leadership qualities and community involvement;
7. Membership in a historically underrepresented group in the legal field (including race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability); and
8. An interest in intellectual property law including any of the following: patent, trademark, copyright, entertainment law, social media law and sports law.

### Financial Award

Recipients of the Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship will receive an anticipated \$10,000 payable during the fall semester.

### Application Process

Applications will be accepted from August 1 through September 27, 2024. The scholarship award will be announced by the end of the year. Each application must include the following documents for consideration:

1. Completed Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship Application Form
2. Resume
3. Academic transcripts (undergraduate, graduate school (if applicable) and law school - if available)
4. A legal writing sample (5-10 pages)
5. Contact information for three references, and
6. One-page statement describing how ethics, civility, and professionalism have been a focus of the candidate's life.



## Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship Application Form

(Please type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School/GPA/expected graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Undergraduate University, Degree, GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please briefly explain your historically under-represented category in the law (e.g., ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, etc.):

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Intellectual Property Related Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attach a copy of your resume, law school transcript, a legal writing sample, information for three references, and a one-page statement describing how ethics, civility and professionalism have been a focus of your life.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant:<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

This application form, when completed, and with accompanying materials, should be submitted by e-mail to: **Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship** c/o The Richard Linn American Inn of Court at [keysscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:keysscholarship@gmail.com). Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information about The Richard Linn American Inn of Court.

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## **Background**

The Linn Inn is a member of the American Inns of Court. When the Linn Inn was founded in January 2007, it was the sixth Inn of Court focused on intellectual property law.

### **American Inns of Court**<sup>3</sup>

American Inns of Court are designed to improve the skills, professionalism and ethics of the bench and bar. An American Inn of Court is an amalgam of judges, lawyers, and in some cases, law professors and law students. Each Inn meets approximately once a month both to "break bread" and to hold programs and discussions on matters of ethics, skills and professionalism.

Looking for a new way to help lawyers and judges rise to higher levels of excellence, professionalism, and ethical awareness, the American Inns of Court adopted the traditional English model of legal apprenticeship and modified it to fit the particular needs of the American legal system. American Inns of Court help lawyers to become more effective advocates and counselors with a keener ethical awareness. Members learn side-by-side with the most experienced judges and attorneys in their community.

An American Inn of Court is not a fraternal order, a social club, a course in continuing legal education, a lecture series, an apprenticeship system, or an adjunct of a law school's program. While an AIC partakes of some of each of these concepts, it is quite different in aim, scope, and effect.

American Inns of Court actively involve more than 25,000 state, federal and administrative law judges, attorneys, legal scholars and law students. Membership is composed of the following categories: Benchers—judges, experienced lawyers, and law professors; Barristers—lawyers with some experience who do not meet the minimum requirements for Benchers; Associates—lawyers who do not meet the minimum requirement for Barristers; and Pupils—law students. The suggested number of active members in an Inn is around 80.

Most Inns concentrate on issues surrounding civil and criminal litigation practice, and include attorneys from a number of specialties. However, there are several Inns that specialize in criminal practice, federal litigation, tax law, administrative law, white-collar crime, bankruptcy, intellectual property, family law, or employment and labor law.

The membership is divided into "pupilage teams," with each team consisting of a few members from each membership category. Each pupilage team conducts one program for

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<sup>3</sup> The information below is reproduced from the website of the American Inns of Court, <http://www.innsocourt.org>

the Inn each year. Pupilage team members get together informally outside of monthly Inn meetings in groups of two or more. This allows the less-experienced attorneys to become more effective advocates and counselors by learning from the more-experienced attorneys and judges. In addition, each less-experienced member is assigned to a more-experienced attorney or judge who acts as a mentor and encourages conversations about the practice of law.

### **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.

### **Goals of the American Inns of Court Foundation**

- To promote the American Inns of Court mission by encouraging members of the legal profession to participate in an American Inn of Court.
- To help ensure the vitality and continuity of local Inns.
- To communicate a culture of excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility and skills to the legal community and generally.
- To ensure the long-term financial viability and growth of the American Inns of Court.

### **History of the American Inns of Court**

The American Inns of Court concept was the product of a discussion in the late 1970s among the United States' members of the Anglo-American exchange of lawyers and judges, including Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit J. Clifford Wallace. Chief Justice Burger subsequently invited Rex E. Lee (then Dean of the J. Reuben Clark School of Law at Brigham Young University and later United States Solicitor General) and Dallin Oaks (then president of Brigham Young University and later Justice of the Utah Supreme Court) to test the idea.

At the suggestion of Rex Lee, a pilot program was entrusted to Senior United States District Court Judge A. Sherman Christensen, who honed the idea into a feasible concept. The first American Inn of Court was founded in 1980 in the Provo/Salt Lake City area of Utah and included law students from Brigham Young University. Within the next three years, additional American Inns formed in Utah, Mississippi, Hawaii, New York, and Washington, D.C.

In 1983, Chief Justice Burger created a committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States to explore whether the American Inn concept was of value to the administration of justice and, if so, whether there should be a national organization to promote, establish and assist American Inns, and promote the goals of legal excellence, civility, professionalism and ethics on a national level. The committee reported to the Judicial Conference affirmatively on the two questions and proposed the creation of the American Inns of Court Foundation. The Judicial Conference approved the reports and, thus, endorsed the American Inn concept and the formation of a national structure. In 1985, the American Inns of Court Foundation was formally organized.

## **The Richard Linn American Inn of Court**

### **Overview of the Linn Inn**

The Mission of the American Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills. The Linn Inn’s focus is on intellectual property law, including copyright, patent, trademark and trade secret law. The Richard Linn American Inn of Court consists of judges, lawyers, law professors, and law students who meet approximately once a month in Chicago both to “break bread” and to hold programs and discussions on matters of ethics, skills and professionalism surrounding the practice of intellectual property law.

The Linn Inn provides a unique opportunity for members to hone their legal skills in a social setting with no agenda other than collegiality and with a shared interest in professionalism and excellence. It also provides an opportunity for the younger lawyer and student members to gain experience and insight from member judges and experienced lawyers from among the best of the Chicago IP community.

The Linn Inn includes the following categories of members:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Emeritus                       | 34 years of practice or more               |
| Bencher                        | 15 years of practice or more               |
| Barrister                      | 8-15 years of practice                     |
| Associate                      | 1-8 years of practice                      |
| Pupil                          | Law Student                                |
| Government, In-House, Academic |  |
| Retired Emeritus               | Retired after 34 years of practice or more |

Note: Added in 2017, the non-voting Retired Emeritus Membership category allows our valued retired Emeritus member to receive CLE credits for a reduced fee.

Additional information about the Inn is located on the Richard Linn Inn’s website at [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org).

### **History of the Linn Inn<sup>4</sup>**

The inaugural meeting of the newly formed Richard Linn American Inn of Court was held on January 18, 2007 at the Everett McKinley Dirksen Building in the ceremonial

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<sup>4</sup> The information below is reproduced from the website of the American Inns of Court, [https://home.innsocourt.org/AIC/AIC\\_For\\_Members/Specialty\\_Inn\\_Alliances/Linn\\_Inn\\_Alliance.asp](https://home.innsocourt.org/AIC/AIC_For_Members/Specialty_Inn_Alliances/Linn_Inn_Alliance.asp) x.



courtroom hosted by Chief Judge Holderman of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

It was an exciting evening with over one hundred of the most prominent intellectual property attorneys and professors in Chicago. Also in attendance, were special guests from the D.C. area - the Inn's namesake, the Honorable Richard Linn of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, his wife Patti Linn, daughter Debbie Linn, Hal Wegner from Foley & Lardner in D.C., William Herbert from Staas & Halsey in D.C., past president of the Giles S. Rich Inn of Court, David Akridge, Deputy Executive Director and Phyllis Doak, Director - Chapter Relations - Midwest Region from the American Inns of Court Foundation, and Jim Brookshire, Executive Director of the Federal Circuit Bar Association, and his wife Peggy Brookshire.

After Chief Judge Holderman's welcome remarks, the Inn's first president, Meredith Addy, introduced the Inn's founders and officers. An overview of the American Inns of Court Foundation was given by the Deputy Executive Director, David Akridge. Lastly, Judge Linn was presented with the official charter of the Inn and framed remarks written by Chief Judge Michel.

After the ceremonial program, members adjourned to the Union League Club of Chicago for food, drinks, and a presentation on the history of Intellectual Property Law in Chicago presented by Ray Niro, Sr., Harry Roper, and George McAndrews.

### **Founding Members of the Linn Inn**

Judge Amy St. Eve  
Judge James Holderman  
Judge Richard Linn  
Meredith Martin Addy  
Timothy Holbrook  
Roberta Kwall  
Olivia Bedi  
Sasha Mayergoyz  
Charles W. Shifley  
Jonathan Spivey

## **Linn Inn Alliance**

In joining the Richard Linn American Inn of Court, individuals are also joining a larger intellectual property organization within the Inns of Court umbrella – the Linn Inn Alliance. As first reported in the May/June 2009 issue of *The Bench*, the Linn Inn Alliance was begun through the work of a dedicated ad hoc committee consisting of Circuit Judge Richard Linn, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Hal Wegner of Foley & Lardner, and Olivia Bedi of Jenner & Block. The inaugural event for the new Inn Alliance was a reception at the historic Dolley Madison House in Washington D.C. This reception was attended by members of the six then-existing IP Inns of Court, members of the judiciary, and David Carey, Executive Director of the American Inns of Court.

The Linn Inn Alliance serves to extend the excellence of existing IP Inns of Courts to new and emerging ones. The Linn Inn Alliance does so by creating a nationwide network which offers assistance and information between the IP Inns of Court and their members. The Linn Inn Alliance maintains a list of all members of all IP Inns and sends email notices of all meetings to all members (who do not opt out). As one can imagine, visiting an IP Inn of Court meeting at an IP Inn other than the one you belong to could be a unique way in which to develop extended professional relationships or contacts when on travel to a city where a participating IP Inn of Court is located. The Linn Inn Alliance is also working diligently to coordinate the activities of the program chairs of all IP Inns and serves as a central repository of all program materials. Thus, all IP Inns can benefit from the creation of an outstanding program and its materials created within one IP Inn. Lastly, as a corollary to providing e-mail notices of all meetings to all Linn Alliance members, a commitment is made by all participating Inns that each Inn will welcome the attendance of any IP Inn member at all Inn meetings.

As of the start of the 2024-2025 Inn of Court year, twenty-nine IP Inns are participating in the Linn Inn Alliance. They are:

| <u><b>Inn Name</b></u>   | <u><b>City</b></u>                    | <u><b>State</b></u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| The Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court                                | Washington                            | DC                  |
| The John C. Lifland American Inn of Court                              | New Brunswick                         | NJ                  |
| The San Francisco Bay Area Intellectual Property American Inn of Court | San Francisco, Oakland, and Palo Alto | CA                  |
| The Benjamin Franklin American Inn of Court                            | Philadelphia                          | PA                  |
| The Judge Paul Brown American Inn of Court                             | Sherman                               | TX                  |
| The Richard Linn American Inn of Court                                 | Chicago                               | IL                  |
| The Judge Paul R. Michel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court   | Los Angeles                           | CA                  |

| <u>Inn Name</u>   | <u>City</u>          | <u>State</u> |
|---|----------------------|--------------|
| The Hon. William C. Conner American Inn of Court                          | New York             | NY           |
| The Alan D. Lourie Boston Intellectual Property American Inn of Court     | Boston               | MA           |
| The Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court                   | Seattle              | WA           |
| The Atlanta Intellectual Property American Inn of Court                   | Atlanta              | GA           |
| The Honorable Lee Yeakel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court      | Austin               | TX           |
| The Intellectual Property and Innovation American Inn of Court            | Albany               | NY           |
| The Colorado Intellectual Property American Inn of Court                  | Denver               | CO           |
| The Honorable Barbara M. G. Lynn American Inn of Court                    | Dallas               | TX           |
| The Pauline Newman IP American Inn of Court                               | Alexandria           | VA           |
| The Q. Todd Dickinson Intellectual Property American Inn of Court         | Pittsburgh           | PA           |
| The Michigan Intellectual Property American Inn of Court                  | Detroit              | MI           |
| The Honorable Nancy F. Atlas Intellectual Property American Inn of Court  | Houston              | TX           |
| The Tokyo Intellectual Property American Inn of Court                     | Tokyo                | JAPAN        |
| The Howard T. Markey Intellectual Property American Inn of Court          | Irvine               | CA           |
| The Honorable Jimmie V. Reyna Intellectual Property American Inn of Court | Minneapolis/St. Paul | MN           |
| The Judge Janet Bond Arterton American Inn of Court                       | New Haven            | CT           |
| The David K. Winder Intellectual Property American Inn of Court           | Salt Lake City       | UT           |
| The S. Jay Plager Intellectual Property American Inn of Court             | Indianapolis         | IN           |
| The Kathleen M. O'Malley American Inn of Court                            | Cleveland            | OH           |
| The Nashville Entertainment and IP Law Inn of Court                       | Nashville            | TN           |
| The South Florida Intellectual Property American Inn of Court             | Miami                | FL           |
| The Kara Farnandez Stoll American Inn of Court                            | Charlotte            | NC           |

At the inaugural reception for the Linn Inn Alliance, Judge Linn announced his goal of having ten IP Inns as members of the Linn Inn Alliance by the year 2010. The Linn Inn Alliance achieved its “10 by 2010” goal with the establishment of five new inns in the 2009-2010 year. Not content to sit at thirteen, the Linn Inn Alliance continued its outreach efforts in the 2010-2011 year, resulting in the formation of three new inns: the Thomas Jefferson Intellectual Property American Inn of Court in Richmond, Virginia, the Pauline Newman Intellectual Property American Inn of Court in Alexandria, Virginia and the Honorable Barbara M. G. Lynn American Inn of Court in Dallas, Texas. In the 2011-2012 year, five new inns were established. In the 2012-2013 year, an additional five new

inns were established, including the Q. Todd Dickinson American Inn of Court in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Tokyo Intellectual Property American Inn of Court in Tokyo, Japan, the Michigan Intellectual Property American Inn of Court in Detroit, Michigan.

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to be a part of the Linn Inn Alliance. We look forward to the continued growth of the Linn Inn Alliance and the many benefits it will bring to our Inn and its members, the American Inns of Court, and the IP profession as a whole.

**Judge Richard Linn**

The Linn Inn is fortunate to have Judge Richard Linn of the United States Court of Appeals as one of its founding members.

### **Message from Judge Linn<sup>5</sup>**

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is the sixth Inn of Court focused on intellectual property law. It is altogether fitting that the city of Chicago, with its rich history of excellence in intellectual property matters, should have an Inn of its own in this important area of the law. I am humbled and honored that the Inn bears my name, and I am proud to be associated with its outstanding members. I am also pleased with the leadership role the Inn is playing in fostering an alliance with the other IP Inns around the country and in working with leaders of the bar in other cities to form new intellectual property Inns in the future.

### **Reflections on Judge Linn<sup>6</sup>**

*By Judge Paul R. Michel*

As its President, Circuit Judge Richard Linn led the Washington, D.C. Intellectual Property Inn of Court named in honor of our late colleague, Giles Sutherland Rich, to the 2005 Model of Excellence award as the best Inn in America. He strongly supports the American Inns of Court in its mission to promote civility, professionalism, and excellence in the practice of law, and regularly participates in meetings of the Giles Rich Inn, the IP

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<sup>5</sup> The following was presented by Judge Richard Linn of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit at the inaugural meeting of the Richard Linn American Inn of Court and Presentation of Charter in January 2007.

<sup>6</sup> The following “Reflections on Judge Linn” was written by Chief Judge Paul R. Michel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit for the inaugural meeting of the Richard Linn American Inn of Court and Presentation of Charter in January 2007.

based Ben Franklin Inn in Philadelphia, and the appellate practice Edward Coke Inn, which meets at the Federal Circuit.

A life-long patent lawyer, a patent examiner, a private practitioner and an electrical engineer, he also served as leader of the electronics practice group of Foley and Lardner's intellectual property department, and prior to that, the leader of the intellectual property practice of Marks & Murase, now part of Bingham McCutchen LLP. He is, in short, a very well-rounded lawyer and judge. The author of major patent decisions, he is well respected by all his colleagues on the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which he joined in the first minute of the new millennium, January 1, 2000.

In addition to his contributions to the development of patent law, Judge Linn has contributed to putting the Federal Circuit at the vanguard of automation. For the last two years, he has led the court's Task Force on Information Technology, designing new systems for electronic circulation, commenting and voting on proposed opinions and for electronic filing of briefs by counsel. Both initiatives will be put into operation in 2007.

A leader in the larger intellectual property community and on the court, he is widely-recognized as a down-to-earth man who is good, generous, and great company. I think it is entirely fitting that Judge Linn, who succeeded Judge Giles Rich on the court and who has played and continues to play an active role in the Inn named after Judge Rich, now is honored to have an Inn in his own name. I am confident that it will be a resounding success.

### **About Judge Linn**

Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; nominated by President Clinton on September 28, 1999; confirmed by the Senate on November 19, 1999; assumed duties of the office on January 1, 2000; born, Brooklyn, New York, April 13, 1944; B.E.E., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1965; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1969; patent examiner, U.S. Patent Office, 1965-68; patent agent, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, 1968-69; private practice, specializing in intellectual property litigation, 1970-99; admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1969, the District of Columbia Bar in 1970, and the New York Bar in 1994; member, founding Board of Governors, Virginia State Bar Section on Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law, Chairman, 1975; recipient, Rensselaer Alumni Association Fellows Award for 2000; honored for dedication, service, and devotion to justice in 2006 by the Austin Intellectual Property Law Association; Adjunct Professor and Professorial Lecturer, George Washington University Law School, 2001-03; member, Intellectual Property Advisory Board, George Washington University Law School; past president, Giles Sutherland Rich American Inn of Court 2004-05; member, Richard Linn American Inn of Court.

Judge Linn began his career in intellectual property law in 1965 as an examiner at the U.S. Patent Office while attending evening classes at Georgetown. He worked as an

examiner for three years. He then moved to the Office of Naval Research where he wrote and prosecuted patent applications while completing his last year in law school. After receiving his law degree, he continued to prepare and prosecute patent and trademark applications in private practice for about eight years. In 1977, Judge Linn was invited to join the Washington office of Wender, Murase & White as a partner to establish an intellectual property capability in what was essentially a corporate and general business practice firm based in New York City.

At Wender, Murase & White (which later became Marks, Murase & White and then Marks & Murase, L.L.P.), Judge Linn's practice expanded beyond the Patent and Trademark Office to the courts, and he became more involved in the enforcement of intellectual property rights, in the counseling of clients in intellectual property matters, and in the defense of clients charged with violating the intellectual property rights of others. Initially, he counseled the firm's Japanese and European clients on U.S. patent and trademark law and handled a number of trademark matters before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and various U.S. District Courts. He then continued to handle litigation matters, concentrating on patent infringement suits, counterfeit actions and trade secret misappropriation cases. He also represented musical groups and songwriters in royalty dispute and copyright cases. Judge Linn was the head of the intellectual property department for the entire 20 years he was a partner of the Marks & Murase firm. During that time, he acted as lead or senior counsel in over 30 litigations in the United States.

In 1997, he joined Foley & Lardner to manage and direct the Electronics Practice Group of the firm's Intellectual Property Department. At Foley, he continued to concentrate his practice in counseling clients in patent, trademark, and trade secret law. Judge Linn developed a number of programs to assist major corporate clients in complying with intellectual property laws and in managing intellectual property assets. He also rendered opinions in patent and trademark matters and provided strategic guidance to clients in multinational intellectual property disputes. He resigned from the practice of law at the end of 1999.

Prior to taking the oath of office at the stroke of midnight, January 1, 2000, to become the first federal judge of the 21st century, Judge Linn participated in local and national bar association activities and worked as a volunteer for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, serving as a member of the Board in 1994-96, as vice-president for government relations in 1996-98, as president of the Board in 1998-99, and as president-emeritus in 1999.