

# BYRON WHITE INNS OF COURT Membership Application & Information Sheet

# **Professional Information:**

Name:	Date://
Firm/Court/Organization:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone: () Fax: () E-mail:	
Year Admitted to Colorado Bar: Area of pract	tice:
Please circle one: Barrister Associate Judge Student Reti	ired Other
<b>Educational Information:</b>	
J.D. Obtained at:	Year:
BA/BS: Masters Degree (if application)	able):
Other (explain):	
I do not wish to become a member in 2005-2006	
I do wish to become a member in 2005-2006	
I will be a student in the coming 2005-2006 year (\$60 national dues waived)	
I will be an Associate in the coming 2005-2006 year	
I will be a Barrister in the coming 2005-2006 year	
I will be a Master in the coming 2005-2006 year	
I will be a Judge in the coming 2005-2006 year	

I am willing to serve in the following aspects of Inn management:

#### Below are some suggestions to improve our Inn:

Dues for the 2006 year have changed from pervious years:

- \$210 if you have 6 or more years of practice
- \$150 if you have 1 to 5 years of practice
- \$170 if you are a retired attorney or judge
- \$75 if you are a law student

These amounts include \$60 to cover the annual dues for the national organization and local dues which includes your meals. Make check payable to "Byron White Inn of Court" and **send payment to: Alden Hill**, Treasurer, P.O. Box 421, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80522. **Send completed application form to Tom Watrous**, Attorney at Law, 19 Old Town Square, Suite 238, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

#### American Inns of Court Facts

#### History

- Formed in 1985 on the basis of a recommendation by the Judicial Conference of the United States.
- Incorporated in the District of Columbia as a nonprofit corporation. Incorporators were Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Solicitor General Rex E. Lee, and U.S. Federal District Court Judge A. Sherman Christensen.
- At the time of incorporation there were twelve lnns with a few hundred members.

## **Function**

- Overall function of Foundation is to help form new Inns, to assist existing Inns, foster communication between Inns, and to act as the representative of Inns nationally and internationally.
- Foundation staff meets with Inn leaders around the country to assist with Inns
  operations and program development and answers hundreds of inquiries each
  year. Provides hands-on guidance in forming new Inns.
- Since incorporation of Foundation, American Inns of Court movement has grown faster than any other organization of legal professionals, now comprising over 300 Inns and 24,000 active members.
- Specific services provided by Foundation to Inns and members include:
  - IRS nonprofit group tax exemption
  - National general liability and umbrella insurance policy, including host liquor liability coverage for all Inns
  - Bimonthly publication of The Bencher

- o e-mails *InnSight*, monthly electronic newsletter for Inn leaders
- Collects and maintains national program library and publishes annual *Program Catalog*
- Publication of Leadership Handbook
- Maintains American Inns of Court website, to which Inns may attach their own websites
- Administers A. Sherman Christensen Award, Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Award for Professionalism and Ethics and Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Service, as well as American Inns of Court Professionalism awards in each federal circuit
- National Leadership Conference each spring, bringing together Inn leaders from around the country for training and mutual exchange of information and views
- Celebration of Excellence each fall at the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Maintains contact and promotes American Inns of Court with dozens of national, state and local legal organizations and all levels of media covering legal affairs.
- Maintains contact with four English Inns of Court and Kings Inns of Ireland, as well as other leaders of the British and Irish bench and bar. Provides American Inn members visiting London and Dublin with letters of introduction to Treasurers of the English and Irish Inns, so that members may visit and dine while there.
  - Coordinates introduction of Masters of English and Irish Inns visiting the United States to American Inn members.
  - Administers Pegasus and Temple Bar scholar exchange programs between Great Britain and United States.

## **Location and Staff**

- Foundation headquarters located in small suite of offices in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Staff comprised of eight full-time employees and part-time bookkeeper.