

FIRM NEWS - GILES S RICH INN

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In September 2009, members of the Giles S Rich American Inn of Court had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Vivek Kundra, President Obama's Administration Chief Information Officer. In October 2009, guest attorneys from Japan, China and Germany answered interesting inquiries related to IP litigation in their countries. The Inn members plan to discuss in future meetings "Trade Secrets v. Patents", "Arbitration", "Privacy Law and IP", and "Inventor Case History." Some past topics of discussions included "Design Patents" "Forum Shopping in ANDA law suits", "Patent Litigation in the ITC", and many others.

Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court is a professional association of intellectual property law practitioners, gravitating around the Court of Appeal of Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C. The Inn has a mission to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills. The 200 Inn members are judges, attorneys practicing in law firms and government entities such as USPTO and ITC, law professors, law clerks and students. The Inn members meet one evening a month, in the Court of Appeal of Federal Circuit buildings, between September and May.

The Inn bears the name of the late Judge Giles Sutherland Rich who served with distinction as a Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and was a founding member of the Inn in 1992.

The Inn's core program is the Pupilage Group Program. Every member of the Inn is assigned to one of the Pupilage Groups, and each Group is responsible for organizing the program for one of the monthly meetings. The Pupilage Group programs are intended to educate and inform the Inn members about cutting edge developments in the field of intellectual property law. The Pupilage Groups are led by chairs, who coordinate the groups' effort to prepare the programs.

Two attorneys of Staas and Halsey LLP are members of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court. Mr. William Herbert was president of the Inn in 2002-2003.

The members of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court adhere to their professional creed and their professional standards with dignity, civility, and courtesy. Members of the American Inn of Court represent interests of their clients with vigor, expeditiously, and at the least cost feasible. They strive to attain the highest level of knowledge and skill in practicing intellectual property law, to contribute time and resources to public service, and to work to make the legal system more accessible, responsive and effective.