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Dear Justice Sonia Sotomayor Inn Members:

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I send you a warm welcome to the 3rd year of the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Inn of Court. Let me start by extending my heartfelt thanks to Liz Castle, who recently completed her term as Inn president. Liz worked tirelessly to put the Inn on a firm foundation, and we are looking forward to building on that foundation this year.

This letter is to advise you all of our meeting dates for the 2019-2020 Inn year. The meeting dates are as follows:

September 26, 2019- Denver City & County Building - Planning Meeting
October 24, 2019- Arapahoe County Justice Center - Mullarkey Pupilage
November 21, 2019- Law Bank (Colorado Blvd) - Happy Hour
December, 2019- Location TBD - Holiday Party
January 23, 2020- Location TBD
February 27, 2020- Location TBD
March 26, 2020- Location TBD
April 23, 2020- Location TBD
May, 2020- Summer Party

This summer we updated our email and started a website for the Inn. It will be live before our first meet. You will be able to find information about our meetings and the Inn on the website. www.sotomayorinn.org. We also have a new email - sotomayorinn@gmail.com.

I particularly want to encourage everyone to attend the September 26, 2019 planning meeting. At that meeting, we will be selecting presentation topics, meeting locations and, of course, assigning pupilage groups to the meetings at which they will be presenting. Our theme for the year is Effective Advocacy in a Diverse World. We very much want everyone's input on what topics interest them, where they want to meet and what they would like to eat!

We are looking forward to beginning a new year of mentorship. As you all know,

this Inn is structured differently from other Inns in order to be more inclusive of our young legal community and to emphasize diversity. Several members of the Executive Committee recently attended the DU Law School orientation to recruit new members. We anticipate a full slate of new students will be joining the Inn, full of questions and eager to learn. You will be receiving a separate email asking about your interest in serving as either a mentor or mentee. It should only take a couple minutes to complete. I encourage each of you to participate in this important aspect of Inn membership.

The success of our Inn is fully dependent on you, our members. I encourage you to actively attend this year. By participating in regular Inn meetings, you will be an active part of the exchange of practical lessons, methods, and ideas focused on the highest standards of the legal profession. I also encourage you to review the American Inns of Court website for information regarding the mission on the Inns and its history. <https://home.innsofcourt.org/>

I am including a link to the online membership form so you can renew your membership in the Inn. <https://forms.gle/rANh75BgRRZ59R2C9>. Please complete this form prior to our first meeting on September 26, 2019.

Also attached is the invoice form for dues. We are pleased to announce will again have approximately 20 students from both law schools joining us. If you are a master, or otherwise in a financial position to do so, please consider sponsoring a student membership in addition to your own. If you are in need of assistance with your dues, scholarships may be available. Please notify us at sotomayorinn@gmail.com, as soon as possible, if you would like to discuss this confidentially.

Thank you all for participating in the Inn. If you have any questions or concerns, I would love to hear from you. I look forward to seeing all of you in September.

Sincerely,



Judge Michael Roche
President
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