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Dear Justice Sonia Sotomayor Inn Members:

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I want to welcome you to what will no doubt be a new and interesting year of the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Inn of Court. Although this will no doubt be an unusual year for inn meetings, I am optimistic that we will be able to make the best of things, and I look forward to seeing all of you, whether virtually or in person.

I am pleased to let you know that we will be kicking off the year with an in person meeting. The meeting will be a casual, outdoor event in Washington Park. We will be gathering in the park near the corner of Louisiana and Franklin Streets at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 16. Meeting outdoors will allow us to get together in person while ensuring proper social distancing. This is a BYO event, so grab a blanket, a chair, your favorite dinner and drink, and join us! If you have friends or colleagues who want to join us, please bring them too!

One topic we will be addressing at the September 16 meeting is mentorship. As you know, mentoring is an essential part of a young lawyer's professional development. It can also be one of the most rewarding aspects of a seasoned lawyer's career. I encourage you to complete the on-line form at <https://forms.gle/EWdngCjwWsfB49T9A>, and to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities this presents for mentors and mentees alike.

Most importantly, bring your ideas on what you would like from the Inn in the coming year. With the challenges facing the world right now, creativity will be key to making this year a success. Luckily, our Inn is full of creative people brimming with new ideas, and we look forward to hearing them. We anticipate conducting most of our meetings via zoom this year.

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.

Also attached is the invoice form for dues. We are pleased to announce, we will again have approximately 10 students from both law schools joining us. We have decided not to reduce our dues this year. We wanted to let you know that \$88 from your dues goes to the national American Inns of Court organization and we will be paying to utilize an on-line platform for many of our meetings this year. We are hopeful we will be able to host in person meetings in the spring, so maybe that will mean some fancier dinners.

As you know, we established this Inn as a low cost Inn in order to attract members from government and public interest practice areas. In that vein, we know a lot of our young members are struggling right now and could use your support. If you are a master, or otherwise in a financial position to do so, please consider sponsoring a student or younger attorney membership in addition to your own.

If you are in need of assistance with your dues, scholarships are available. Please notify us at [sotomayorinn@gmail.com](mailto: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,



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