

Maj. Chris Santoro, USAFR, Leads the Judge Advocates Association American Inn of Court into Twelfth Season

On 19 Oct 05, the Judge Advocates Association (JAA) American Inn of Court will hold its first of seven meetings of its twelfth season. The American Inns of Court, our nation's fastest growing legal movement with over 20,000 active members, combines the crossfeed of the bench and bar plus the mixture of various experience levels to promote and improve litigation skills. Our Inn first meets for dinner and camaraderie. We then move to the courtroom for one and one half hours of invaluable training and discussion – focusing on advocacy, litigation, ethics, and other topics of interest to military practitioners. One does not need to be a member of the JAA to join our Inn. For training, we will focus on federal trial court and appellate litigation, primarily criminal (from the court-martial arena) and civil (from the variety of civil federal departments).

Officers:

Pres: Maj Chris Santoro, USAFR
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Fees:

Annual dues follow: Master (Judges or 15+ years as an attorney) -- \$60; Barrister (5-15 years experience) -- \$55; Associates (under five years as an attorney) -- \$50; Pupils (law students) -- free. [Each Inn then pays \$60 per member to the national HQ for dues (except students) – membership fees are subsidized by the JAA Foundation].

Members will pay for the meals at each meeting as they attend.

***Social/ Dinner: 1745-1900
Courtroom: 1915-2045***

***Location – Announced prior
to each meeting:***

***(1) U.S. Army Court of
Criminal Appeals, Ballston
Metro; Parking at Ballston
Mall -- or –***

***(2) U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Federal Circuit,
McPherson Metro (near
White House); Parking in
Court Garage***

Program Schedule for 2005-06:

19 Oct 05 – Welcoming remarks by BG David P. Carey, USA (Ret.), Executive Director of American Inns of Court; followed by presentations on the military response to Katrina/Rita.

15 Nov 05 – Discussion of the Solomon Amendment. Featuring Prof. Joseph Zengerle of GMU, former Army Infantry Officer & Clerk to CJ Warren Burger – Prof. Zengerle organized an amicus brief by law professors & students in support of the govt. in Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic & Institutional Rights, to be argued at the U.S. Supreme Court on 6 Dec; and Mr. Bob Reed of DoD General Counsel's office, who will discuss the history and application of the Solomon Amendment.

13 Dec 05 – Capital cases in the military. Featuring Col. J.J. Mahoney, USAF (Ret.) – former mil. judge & counsel in DOJ capital case unit; and COL Flora Darpino, USA, Chief of Crim. Law for the Army, which is the Executive Agent for carrying out military executions.

18 Jan 06 – JAGs Spreading Justice Around the World. Featuring CAPT Chip Wedan, JAGC, USN, Director of the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies. DIILS has trained over 22,000 military & civilian personnel from 132 countries since its founding in 1992.

15 Feb 06 – Obtaining & Using Electronic Evidence.

15 Mar 06 – Relationships between TJAGS, General Counsels, & Civilian Leadership.

19 Apr 06 – Argument Do's & Don'ts

17 May 06 – JAA Awards Banquet