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THE LEO A. DEEGAN INN OF COURT KNOCKS IT OUT OF THE PARK

by L. Alexandra Fong

The American Inns of Court inspire the legal community to advance the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education, and mentoring. The Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court ("Deegan Inn") is the Riverside chapter of the American Inns of Court and was chartered on April 3, 1992. As the Deegan Inn celebrates its 30th anniversary during the 2021-2022 program year, Abram Feuerstein, president of the Deegan Inn suggested the theme for the year: Sports and the Law.

Six teams were formed during this program year. Five teams were provided sports-related themes and presented from October to April. The sixth team is the Community Service Team, which began in the 2017-2018 program year when Honorable Jacqueline Jackson was its president.

Team Billie Jean King presented in October 2021 on the topic "Title IX and Equal Opportunity to Participate in Athletics." Team Simone Biles presented in December 2021 on "USA Gymnastics

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and Lawsuits." Team Jim Thorpe presented in January 2022 on "NCAA and SCOTUS." Team Jackie Robinson presented in March 2022 on "Representing the Athlete." Team Kawhi Leonard on "Crime in Sports." Team Ricky Fowler will present in late May 2022, after this article is published, and is expected to discuss the community service performed throughout the program year.²

The Leo A. Deegan Award for best team (highest scoring) presentation will be awarded at the September 2022 orientation meeting of the 2022-2023 program year.

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2 Additional information about each of the team's presentation can be found on the Deegan Inn's blog, located on its website here: https://deeganinnofcourt.org/blog





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