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Inn of Court Recognizes Retired Judge Mike Kaiser

At the April 25th meeting of the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court, current Inn President Paul Grech veered slightly from the regular program agenda to recognize the lifetime achievements of recently retired judge Mike Kaiser.

During his welcoming remarks for the evening's program, Grech called Judge E. Michael Kaiser to the podium, much to the judge's surprise.

"I have given much thought to what I was going to say about Mike," Grech said as he stood next to his mentor. "The first thing that came to mind is that this revered individual is truly a judge's judge and an attorney's attorney."

The judge, who was not only surprised but moved by the acknowledgement, expressed his thanks to the roomful of fellow legal professionals.

Grech presented Judge Kaiser with a plaque from the membership of the Inn. After a lengthy round of applause, Judge Kaiser joined his colleagues and enjoyed the evening's program, which centered around the attorney's role in global warming.



Inn of Court Seeks Members

The Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court, based in Riverside, is currently seeking legal professionals interested in participating in the 2007-08 program year. The Inn of Court, based upon the prestigious British Inns of Court, is taking applications for legal professionals practicing in the greater Riverside area, either in private practice or working for the government. Not all cities or regions have their own Inn of Court, but they are divided geographically.

The goal of the Inn of Court is to provide a forum for lawyers and judges to discuss and debate various situations in which legal ethics impact the outcome of a case. Inn members are encouraged to "stretch the legal muscle" and be creative when develop-

ing programs that are educational and informative and when it comes to finding ethical solutions.

Inn membership is by invitation only and all lawyers and judicial officers are encouraged to apply. The current Board of Directors reviews all applications and makes selections based upon referral and what one's legal experience and reputation will bring to the overall program year. All attorney applicants must be current members of the Riverside County Bar Association.

Once selections are made, the Board divides all members into teams of eight; each team is comprised of Associate Members, Barristers, and Judicial Masters, to ensure a balanced blend of legal experience is achieved for team presentations. At the orientation meeting, held in September, teams meet for the first time and begin to plan their strategies for their respective presentations. Teams make an initial selection of months for their presentations and set out to determine topics.

The Inn's program year begins in September and continues through May. Dinner meetings are held from 6 to 8 p.m. once monthly, at a venue to be determined.

There are membership dues and dinner costs associated with membership.

For further information or to obtain an application, please contact the Inn's Executive Director, Sherri Gomez, at (951) 689-1200 or via email at sherri.gomez@gmail.com.

