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# Professionalism, Collegiality, and Mentorship in the Practice of Law

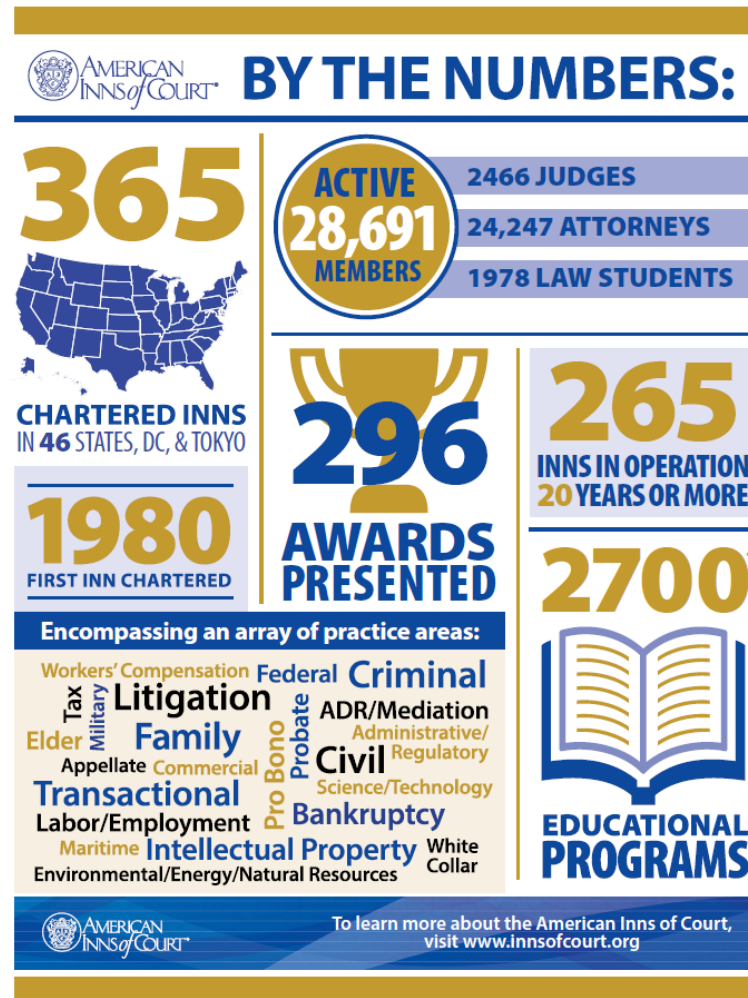
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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- Newest Member of the Linn Inn Alliance
- 6 Meetings per year
- Approximately 100 members
- Distributed between Pupils, Associates, Barristers, Benchers
- 10+ different law firms, 10+ different corporations, 6 law schools, and members of the judiciary involved
- Focus on intellectual property

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## Networking:

- Our Inn hosts a networking hour before/after the program where you can meet lawyers and judges from all walks of life. The informal conversations you have with members of this Inn could be some of the most formative you have in your professional career.

## Pupillage teams:

- Pupillage teams are responsible for planning monthly programs. Within your team are more opportunities for networking, mentoring, and developing leadership skills.

## Mentoring:

- Mentoring the next generation in professionalism, civility, and respect is what the American Inns of Court are all about.

## Leadership:

- The Executive Committee is always on the lookout for dedicated, talented individuals to continue our Inn's strong legacy. Volunteering your time to the American Inns of Court can develop transferrable skills to help you in your practice, and it puts you in contact with other leaders in the field.



# MECKLENBURG BAR ASSOCIATION

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- Why bifurcate, why now?
  - Mecklenburg Bar Association (MBA)
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Bar (26<sup>th</sup> JD Bar)
- Building sale & new home
  - Bring the Bar to the Bar
- Strategic planning
  - **BELONGING**
  - **LOCAL**



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Unlock a vibrant network,  
elevate your legal expertise,  
and shape the future of the  
local legal community.

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# Program Areas



- Elections
  - State Bar Council
  - Judicial Nominating
  - Public Defender
- Grievance Committee
- Indigent Representation Committee
- Swearing-In
- Memorials
- Bar Leadership Institute\*\*
- Annual Meeting\*\*
- Courthouse Access Cards
- Membership (Records and Fees)
- Internal Governance
  - Bylaws and Policies
  - Board/Officer Nominations

\* MBA and MBF

\*\* 26th, MBA and MBF

- Continuing Legal Education
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiatives
- Events & Awards\*
- Lawyer Referral Service
- MBA Committees\*\*\*
- Mentoring Programs
- Pro Bono & Community Service\*
- Sections
- Sports Leagues
- Young Lawyers Division
- Membership (Recruitment, Retention, Records and Fees)
- Internal Governance
  - Bylaws and Policies
  - Board/Officer Nominations

\*\* See MeckBar.org for a complete list

- Ayscue Professionalism Award
- Development & Fundraising
- Donor Stewardship
- Events & Awards\*
- Grantmaking
- McMillan Fellowship Program
- Internal Governance
  - Bylaws and Policies
  - Board/Officer Nominations





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# PRO BONO IN NORTH CAROLINA

The logo consists of a dark blue rectangular box with a thin red horizontal line at the bottom. Inside the box, the text "NORTH CAROLINA" is at the top in white, "PRO BONO" is in the middle in a larger, bold white font, and "RESOURCE CENTER" is at the bottom in white.

NORTH CAROLINA  
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RESOURCE CENTER

- The NC Supreme Court recognizes attorneys who voluntarily report at least 50 hours through the Pro Bono Honor Society.
- Attorneys can report their hours at [www.ncprobono.org/report](http://www.ncprobono.org/report)

“Every lawyer has a professional responsibility to provide legal services to those unable to pay. A lawyer should aspire to render at least (50) hours of pro bono public legal services per year”

*NC Rule of Professional Responsibility 6.1*

A decorative graphic at the bottom right of the slide, consisting of several overlapping triangles in shades of orange and yellow, creating a modern, abstract design.

# EMERITUS / OUT-OF-STATE STATUS

Retired attorneys and attorneys with active bar licenses in other states may practice pro bono in North Carolina under the supervision of a NC licensed attorney working at a Legal Services Organization.



# PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA

## LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS

- Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy
- CLIMB
- Council for Children's Rights
- Legal Aid of North Carolina
- Safe Alliance
- Charlotte Triage



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# Thank you

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