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Trustees of the American Inns of Court

Justice Henry duPont Ridgely of the Delaware Supreme Court has been elected to the Board of Trustees of The American Inns of Court Foundation, America's oldest, largest and fastest growing mentoring organization for the legal profession. His term as a Trustee begins July 1, 2007. The Board of Trustees of the Foundation, currently comprised of 34 members from across the United States, is the policy-making body of the national Inns of Court movement. Justice Ridgely is a charter member and past president of The Terry-Carey American Inn of Court for Kent and Sussex Counties.

Firmly rooted in the noble 800-year-old tradition of the Inns of Court in England, the American Inns of Court exist to supplement the academic and legal training of American lawyers through the time-honored English tradition and practice of "pupillage" - the sharing of wisdom, insight and experience of seasoned judges and lawyers with newer practitioners. Using this approach, the American Inns of Court seeks to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility and legal skills.

The American Inns of Court includes more than 25,000 federal, state and local judges, lawyers, law professors and law students in some 350 chapters across the United States. There are five chapters of American Inns of Court in Delaware. Foundation offices are located in Alexandria, Virginia. More information is available at <u>www.innsofcourt.org.</u>

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