

An 88-Year Tradition

On Friday, March 26, 2010, members and guests of the NYIPLA will enjoy the ambiance and elegance of the Waldorf=Astoria in a tradition that began in 1922. For the past 87 years, the association has been paying tribute to federal judges and the intellectual property community at the Annual Dinner in Honor of the Federal Judiciary.

The first dinner was held on December 6, 1922. It was a rousing success with 258 people. NYIPLA members hosted 16 honored guests at 11 tables. Eleven judges attended from the Second Judicial District and the District of New Jersey. Among the attending judges was the renowned Hon. Learned Hand, who was appointed by President Taft in 1909 and spent 52 years on the federal bench. His cousin, Hon. Augustus Hand, was there as well. Also in attendance were the U.S. Commissioner of Patents, Hon. T.E. Robertson, and the presidents of the Patent Law Associations of Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and the American Patent Law Association.

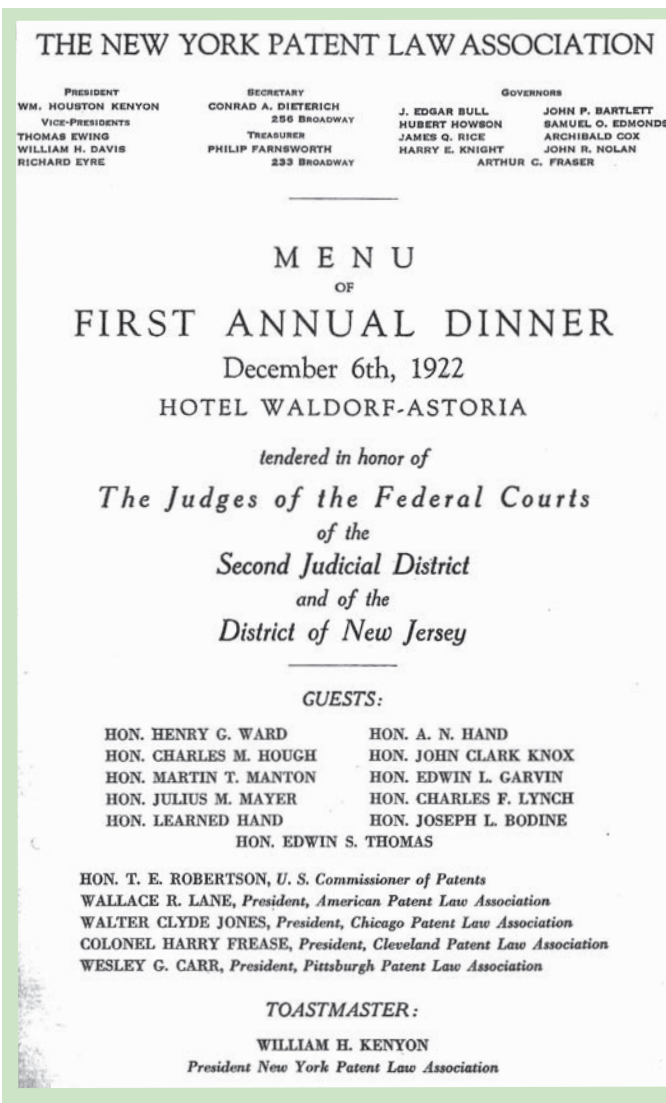
In the spirit of "patent law entertainment," the printed dinner menu appeared in the form of a patent submitted by fictional applicants "William A. Cook and Alphonse A. Chef." Some quotes from that menu:

"This invention relates to an improved Composition of Matter or Dinner. Among the objects of the invention is to provide a Dinner to promote good fellowship between the Bench and the Bar. A further objective of the invention is to provide a novel (that is, not more than a few days old) combination of elements, herinafter termed "courses," illustrated in the drawings and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims."

Setting the foundation for the Dinner's tradition of fine food and sumptuous desserts, the menu concluded with "An Improved Composition of Matter consisting of Bombe of Nesselrode Ice Cream, with assorted cakes, macaroons, lady fingers and coffee."

Through the years, the Dinner has continued to be the premier event for the NYIPLA. We have been honored with the attendance of distinguished judges and enlightening keynote speakers, including Ronan Tynan, Ed Koch, Tim Russert, Scott Turow, Tom Brokaw -- and this year's speaker, Mario Cuomo.

You can be a part of this historic event. Make your reservations to attend this year's dinner on Friday, March 26, 2010 at the Waldorf=Astoria. Reservation forms are available at www.nyipla.org, or call (201) 634-1870. Reservation deadline is February 9, 2010.



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Mario Cuomo Keynote Speaker at the

88th Annual Judges' Dinner

Governor Mario Cuomo is known as an intellectual, passionate, and challenging force for social responsibility and diversity. When he addresses the judges, NYIPLA members, and guests at the 88th Annual Dinner in Honor of the Federal Judiciary on March 26, he is sure to remind us of our collective American legacy.

Cuomo is the longest serving Democratic Governor of New York in modern history. He twice set New York records for highest popular vote ever achieved in a state-wide election. *The New York Times* called his tenure one of the most celebrated governorships in history. The conservative *National Review* said, "Mario Cuomo has for years been hailed as both the philosopher-king and the humble conscience of the Democratic Party, a formidable, saintly genius of liberalism. Since his efflorescence at the 1984 Democratic convention, even many

conservatives have accorded this, their archenemy, a certain respect."

Cuomo served New York through two national recessions and twelve years of federal policies that cut back on federal aid to New York and other states. Nevertheless, he balanced 12 budgets, reduced New York's largest tax, the income tax, by more than 20 percent; rebuilt much of the state's infrastructure; reduced the mortality rates on highways every year for seven years with the nation's first seat belt law and an aggressive anti-drunk-driving program; created the state's first Centers of Advanced Technology; and introduced programs like "Child Health Plus" and the "Children's Assistance Program," a reform of the New York welfare system that served as models for later federal programs now in place.

Governor Cuomo appointed 112 judges, including all the judges of the New York State Court of Appeals during his tenure, as well as the first and second women judges, the first Black, the first Hispanic, and the first woman to serve as Chief Judge.

He declined invitations to run for president of the United States and to serve on the United States Supreme



Court. A lawyer since 1956, he returned to the practice of law at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in 1995.

Cuomo is a scholar on Abraham Lincoln and wrote *Why Lincoln Matters: Today More than Ever* (Harcourt, 2004). The book shows how Lincoln's big issues – equality, the role of government, war and peace, and the responsibilities of the fortunate few – still resonate in today's world.

It's time to make your reservations for the 88th Annual Dinner in Honor of the Federal Judiciary. The dinner will be held on Friday, March 26 at the Waldorf=Astoria Hotel. Reservation forms are available at www.nyipla.org, or call (201) 634-1870. The Reservation deadline is February 9, 2010. For further information, contact Louise Lessersohn at (201) 634-1870.



The Honorable Richard Linn will receive the NYIPLA Outstanding Public Service Award at the 88th Annual Dinner in Honor of the Federal Judiciary on March 26, 2010, at the Waldorf=Astoria Hotel. For the past eight years, the Association has selected an OPS recipient in recognition of a lifetime dedicated to the pursuit and administration of justice. Judge Linn more than meets this standard.

Judge Linn is a Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He was nominated by President Clinton on September 28, 1999 and took the oath of office at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 2000 becoming the first federal judge of the 21st century.

NYIPLA to Honor Judge Richard Linn at 88th Judges' Dinner in March

Judge Linn received his B.E.E. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1965 and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1969. He began his career in intellectual property in 1965 as an examiner at the U.S. Patent Office while attending evening classes at Georgetown. After three years, he moved to the Office of Naval Research where he wrote and prosecuted patent applications while completing his last year in law school. He was the head of the intellectual property department at Marks, Murase & White for 20 years. During that time, he acted as lead or senior counsel in over 30 litigations in the United States. In 1997, he joined Foley & Lardner to manage and direct the Electronics Practice Group of the firm's Intellectual Property Department. He left the practice of law at the end of 1999 to become a Federal Circuit judge.

Judge Linn was a member of the founding Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Section on Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Law and served as Chairman in 1975. In 2000, Judge Linn received the Rensselaer Alumni Association Fellows Award. He served as an Adjunct Professor and Professional Lecturer in Law at George Washington University Law School from 2001 to 2003, and currently serves on the Law School's Intellectual Property Advisory Board. In 2006, Judge Linn was honored

for dedication, service, and devotion to justice by the Austin Intellectual Property Law Association. Last year, he was awarded the 2009 New York Intellectual Property Law Association Leadership Award and the 2009 Jefferson Medal from the New Jersey Intellectual Property Law Association.

Judge Linn has demonstrated himself to be a leader of the Patent Bench and Patent Bar through his selfless dedication to the development of Intellectual Property Law focused American Inns of Court around the country. American Inns of Court are organizations that bring together judges, senior lawyers, junior lawyers, and students to promote the traditions of civility, excellence, and professionalism. There are currently ten IP focused Inns of Court that are members of the Linn Inn Alliance, including New York's Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court. The NYIPLA and the entire IP community in New York are grateful to Judge Linn for his exemplary leadership.

NYIPLA members and guests will have an opportunity to honor and celebrate with Judge Linn at the Dinner on March 26. Firms who wish to take Congratulatory Notices in the Dinner Program may call (201) 634-1870, or email kmallozzi@nyipla.org. Forms for the Congratulatory Notices and Dinner Reservations are available at www.nyipla.org.

History of the Outstanding Public Service Award

When Judge Richard Linn receives the NYIPLA Outstanding Public Service Award on March 26 at the Waldorf=Astoria, he will join an illustrious roster of recipients. The Association began giving the award in 2003 when it was awarded to the late Hon. William C. Conner of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. For the past eight years, the Association has chosen its recipients in recognition of a lifetime dedicated to the pursuit and administration of justice. Judge Linn will be the fourth recipient from the Federal Circuit. Two judges from the Second Circuit and two from the Southern District of New York have received the award.



Last year, the Honorable Dennis Jacobs, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, received this award.

Recipients of the Outstanding Public Service Award

2009	Honorable Dennis Jacobs	Second Circuit
2008	Honorable Howard T. Markey (posthumously)	Federal Circuit
2007	Honorable Paul R. Michel	Federal Circuit
2006	Honorable Joseph M. McLaughlin	Second Circuit
2005	Honorable Pauline Newman	Federal Circuit
2004	Honorable Robert J. Ward (posthumously)	Southern District of NY
2003	Honorable William C. Conner	Southern District of NY

88th Annual Dinner in Honor of the Federal Judiciary

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

NYIPLA CLE Day of Dinner Program

➤ Friday, March 26, 2010 ◀

Earn 2.0 NYS CLE Credits

The Starlight Roof at the Waldorf=Astoria Hotel
301 Park Avenue, New York

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