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REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL AMERICAN INNS OF COURT

PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

IN THE SECOND CIRCUIT

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The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the American Inns of Court announce the solicitation of nominations for the **seventh annual American Inns of Court Professionalism Award in the Second Circuit**. Chief Judge Dennis Jacobs of the Second Circuit will present the Award **in New York at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, on September 24, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

The person chosen for this honor is a quintessential mentor - and as such, embodies fundamental values of the profession to which the American Inns of Court is dedicated. The honoree is a senior lawyer who for a generation or more has guided younger practitioners in government, private practice, or public service, by word and by example. He or she is a "lawyer's lawyer" - a master of the craft - whose life and work reflect civility, competence and ethical behavior. In short, we request the names of first-rate attorneys that have taught, supervised and nurtured developing lawyers; and that, in doing so, have assured that the finest traditions of the Bar will be sustained. Our search is focused on the unsung, unheralded mentor whose recognition by peers in the legal profession is overdue.

Nominees should (1) have engaged in the practice of law for at least twenty years, (2) be serving now as a lawyer in Connecticut, New York or Vermont, and (3) occupy a senior position in the office of a prosecutor or a defender, or a government agency, private law firm or other private entity. Judges and full-time professors are not eligible. Availability to accept the Award in New York is a condition of entry.

Nominations should be in letter form on letterhead, accompanied by information about the nominee sufficient to allow the committee to make a reasoned judgment. Additional letters of recommendation should be included in the package, such as by younger lawyers describing their associations with the nominee, and the benefits conferred by the nominee's teaching, mentorship, and example.

Nominations must be received at the American Inns of Court Foundation offices, 1229 King Street Second Floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, no later than **May 30, 2008.** They should be addressed to the attention of the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica, Chair of the American Inns of Court Awards Committee. For more information, go to www.innsofcourt.org and click "Awards" or contact Ms. Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104.

The honoree will be selected by a combined committee of the Second Circuit and the American Inns of Court.

Second Circuit Committee members will be:

Hon. Denise Cote, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Chair
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Prior AIC Second Circuit Professionalism Award recipients of the awards include:

2002 Marcia B. Paul, Esquire
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2003 Gerald Walpin, Esquire
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The Legal Aid Society for the Eastern District of New York—Brooklyn, New York

2005 Henry Putzel III, Esquire
Law Office of Henry Putzel III—New York, New York

2006 John B. Webber, Esquire
Webber, Chapman & Kupferer, Ltd.—Rutland, Vermont

2007 John C. Yavis, Jr., Esquire
Murtha Cullina LLP—Hartford, Connecticut