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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The American Inns of Court (AIC) are intended to advance the skills, professionalism, ethics, and civility of the legal profession. Specifically, it is an organization for judges, attorneys, and law students. Membership in an Inn of Court requires active participation. It encourages mentorship and pupilage teamwork to develop monthly programs.

The concept of the AIC was introduced during the late 1970s. Though the AIC was inspired by the English Inns, there is not a formal or legal relationship between the American and English Inns. Early proponents of the AIC were Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit J. Clifford Wallace, and two attorneys affiliated with Brigham Young University—Rex E. Lee and Dallin Oaks. The first American Inn of Court (which included Brigham Young law students) was founded in 1980. Later the American Inn concept was endorsed by a Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. The American Inns of Court Foundation, a national structure, was formally organized in 1985. Today more than 100 accredited law schools are affiliated with the AIC and nearly 25,000 judges and attorneys actively participate in the organization.

There are nine American Inns of Court in Indiana. They are located in Evansville, Fort Wayne, Jeffersonville, Merrillville, Muncie, South Bend, and Valparaiso. The capitol city has two Inns—the Indianapolis AIC and the Sagamore AIC. The Indianapolis AIC was founded during the early 1990s. Larry J. McKinney, U. S. District Court Judge, Randall T. Shepard, Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice, and Norman Lefstein, Dean, Indiana University School of Law/Indianapolis were early members.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Indianapolis American Inn of Court undertook its first historical endeavor in 2005. It was an oral history project that examined the legal careers of J. Patrick Endsley, Charles Goodloe, Jr., and Virginia Dill McCarthy. Each of the attorneys was interviewed, and their interviews were digitally reproduced by Mark Thompson of ClearPoint Legal, a Baynes & Shirey Company. The company (including Linda Baynes, J.C. Welch, and Mark Thompson) donated videography and transcription services to the project. The project was an educational service executed by attorney members of the Indianapolis AIC. The members worked with Steve Haller, Senior Director, Collections, at the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) on conducting an oral history project. It was arranged that the interviews recorded on DVDs and the transcriptions, upon completion, would be placed in the IHS collections.

**J. Patrick Endsley**, an Indianapolis native, was born in 1928. A veteran, he served in the U. S. Army from 1946-47. Endsley earned a B.S. degree in business and economics from Indiana University. He worked as an accountant for RCA from 1950-56. In 1956, he was awarded a J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law/Indianapolis. He served as clerk/treasurer of Lawrence, Ind. from 1956 to 1959; deputy prosecutor of Marion County in 1959; and as an assistant city prosecutor for Indianapolis from 1960-62. Before becoming a U. S. Magistrate in 1979, he sat on the Marion County Circuit Court, and served as chief deputy attorney general of Indiana from 1965-69. He is retired.

**Charles Goodloe, Jr.** was born and grew up in Greenfield, Indiana. He has worked in the United States Attorney's Office since 1971, the year that he received a J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law/Indianapolis. He has a B.S. in business economics from Indiana University. Assigned to the U. S. Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Indiana, he has tried numerous criminal and civil cases. He has handled many cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit—managing the preparation of briefs and oral arguments. Goodloe, an Assistant United States Attorney, is Senior Litigation Counsel. He has also served as chief of the Civil Division, chief of the Criminal Division, and executive assistant in the U. S. Attorney's Office.

**Virginia Dill McCarty**, a native Hoosier from Plainfield, received a B.A. from Indiana University in 1946. She graduated cum laude from the Indiana University School of Law/Indianapolis, and was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1950. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and served as editor of the Indiana Law Journal. From 1965-69, she was an Indiana deputy attorney general. President Jimmy Carter appointed her to a full, four-year term as U. S. attorney. She was the first woman to be selected in that capacity. A member of the law firm, Landman & Beatty, McCarty's practice areas include partnership law, fair housing, equal employment opportunity, decedents's estates and municipal law. Since 1989, she has served as chairman of the Board of the Indiana Department of Correction.

On November 17, 2005, the Indianapolis American Inn of Court held a program at the Columbia Club in downtown Indianapolis. It was entitled: "An Evening of Civility and Principle: Honoring Virginia Dill McCarty, J. Patrick Endsley, and Charles Goodloe, Jr." Excerpts from the video oral histories were shown after dinner. During the program each honoree was introduced and responded to questions. Judge Sarah Evans Barker (IHS Board Collections Committee chairperson) and Steve Haller formally accepted the video disks and transcriptions for the Indiana Historical Society collections.

The collection contains a printed program and a video disk from the November 17, 2005 affair, along with video disks and transcriptions for the oral history interviews of Endsley (interviewed by William Potter of Potter Law Group), Goodloe (interviewed by Judge David Shaheed of the Marion County Superior Court), and McCarty (interviewed by Susan Brooks, U. S. Attorney).

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