

SALMON P. CHASE INN OF COURT

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The Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court (Covington, Kentucky) and the Potter Stewart Inn of Court (Cincinnati, Ohio) held a joint meeting of the Inns on January 22, 2014. James Blackburn of Raleigh, North Carolina was the presenter for this meeting. In 1979, Jim served as the lead prosecutor in the triple murder case of *U.S. v. Jeffrey MacDonald*, a case that is still going on in the federal courts to this day. During the twenty plus years that Jim was a practicing attorney, he knew great success and accomplishment, primarily as a trial attorney. In the winter of 1993, it all stopped as Jim's career crashed with bad decisions, misconduct, and a serious bout of depression.

The program involved a very detailed and personal study of Ethics and Professionalism as told by someone who was very successful in the practice of law, both in government and private practice before getting himself into serious legal and ethical difficulties, losing his law license and spending years in private counseling and psycho-therapy.

Specifically, the program studies the requirements that a lawyer represent clients to the best of his or her ability, communicating regularly and effectively with the client, including meetings and phone calls on a regular basis, the necessity of maintaining complete honesty with the client at all times, being zealous and passionate in that representation, maintaining the dignity and high standards of the legal profession, and doing all of this on a timely basis.