

May I, 2024–April 30, 2025 Achieving Excellence Checklist

nn Name:	1	Inn No.:					
List of Requirements for Inn Year of May 1, 2024–April 30, 2025 Opt in to the 2024–2025 Achieving Excellence Program by May 30, 2024	Due Date	Designations				Your Inn	
		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Assigned to and/or notes	Complete
File with AICF (one time)							
Become a chartered Inn and remain a chartered Inn in good standing	ASAP	Х	X	X	X		
Obtain an EIN (federal tax ID) and file with the national office	ASAP	X	X	X	X		
File a Group Tax Exemption Option form with the national office (opt in or out)	ASAP	X	X	X	X		
E-file copy of the Inn's approved bylaws with the national office	ASAP	X	X	X	X		
Record any law school affiliation(s) with the national office	ASAP	X	X	X	X		
Develop and implement an Inn leadership succession plan [‡]	Apr 30			X	X		_
Core Competency 1. Administration							
Comply with IRS tax filing for year ending June 30, 2024:	Nov 15	Х	X	X	X		-
 Option 1: Inn has gross annual (July 1–June 30) income under \$50,000 and has instructed the national office to file the 990N on its behalf 							
 Option 2: Inn has gross annual (July 1–June 30) income under \$50,000, chooses to self file the 990N with IRS, and send copy to the national office 							
 Option 3: Inn has gross annual (July 1–June 30) income over \$50,000, file 990-EZ and Schedule A with IRS, and send copy to the national office 							
Submit Annual Operating Budget	Nov 30			X	X		
National dues paid in full	Jan 31		X	X	X		
Requirements of IMS or Non-IMS Inns		Х	X	Х	X		
Inns using the Inn Management System (IMS)							
 Post meeting dates, locations and program topics (minimum of six required) 	Oct 1						
 Maintain current membership roster * 	Ongoing						
 Update Inn leadership information for the current Inn year 	Jun 30						
 Inns not using Inn Management System (IMS) (submit to national office) 							
 Inn meeting dates, locations and program topics (minimum of six required) 	Oct 1						
 Inn membership roster 	Nov 30						
 Inn leadership information for the current Inn year 	Jun 30						_
Core Competency 2. Communications							
New Member Orientation—held prior to first meeting of the Inn year	Nov 30		X	X	X		
Membership Satisfaction Survey for the prior Inn year	Jun 30				X		
Maintain one of the following items (choose one)			X	X	X		
 Inn Handbook—in printed or electronic format 	Apr 30						
Inn Web site—hosted by national office or other	Ongoing						
Describe how your Inn engages Alumni, Emeritus, and Honorary members ‡	Apr 30			X	X		
Describe how your Inn promotes the American Inns of Court Diversity Policy	Apr 30			X	X		
Submit current Inn news to the national office within 60 days of event	Ongoing				X		
Core Competency 3. Programs							
Document monthly program development process ‡	Apr 30		X	X	X		
Submit programs to the national program library within 60 days of presentation	Ongoing			2	4		
Core Competency 4. Mentoring							
Submit an outline of the Inn's formal or informal mentoring efforts to the national office ‡	Apr 30			Χ*	Х		
Submit a mentoring evaluation for the prior Inn year	Jun 30			Χ*	X		
Core Competency 5. Outreach Activities							
Submit a description of the Inn's community outreach program to the national office	Apr 30			Χ*	Х		
Document participation in and/or hosting of a joint meeting	Apr 30			1	Х		

Notes: *Dues are assessed on number of active members as of June 30. [‡] Items need only to be submitted once, unless information has changed. Request a Recurring Items Form from your Chapter Relations Director. * The Inn has a choice of doing the Mentoring or Outreach requirement for Gold Level. Detailed explanations of each requirement are available in Achieving Excellence Overview.