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THE FAMILY LAW INN OF COURT OF TAMPA RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION AT THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor recognized the Family Law Inn of Court of Tampa on November 5, 2011, at an annual event that celebrated the accomplishments of several giants in the legal professions whose achievements epitomize the ideals of the American Inns of Court. This was no small feat as the Inn launched a campaign to become a Platinum Inn within a single year.

Judge Caroline Tesche, President of the Family Law Inn of Court of Tampa, 2010, perceives this achievement as one that is of great benefit to the parties who appear before her on the bench, asserting that “family law is a contentious area of the law so anytime you have lawyers and judges participating in Inns of Court, it’s of great benefit because it raises the level of the practice of law;” adding, “we apply what we learn.” Monthly programs generally focus on practical legal skills with an emphasis on ethics, civility and professionalism in the practice of law. They may include demonstrations, presentations of principles, techniques, as well as relationships involved in the practice of law. According to the judge, she can often see a difference in lawyers who have participated in Inns of Court because they are not just focused on results for their client but the family, which is contrary to what an attorney would be focused on in a civil proceeding.

Tesche remarked that the credence from this national recognition is worthy of noting because Tampa is the only city with three Inns of Court who have achieved Platinum Level success; the C.H. Ferguson-M.E. White American Inn of Court and the J. Clifford Cheatwood American Inn of Court were among the less than two dozen Inns of Court who were also recognized for this achievement.

*For more information about the American Inns of Court, please see <http://www.innsocourt.org/inns/familylawtampainn/>

Or for more information about Judge Caroline Tesche, please see <http://www.fljud13.org/JudicialDirectory/CarolineJTesche/Profile.aspx>



Front Row, Seated L – R: Associate Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor, and Judge Caroline Tesche
Standing L – R: Julia Best Chase, Judge Paul Glenn, Russell Blaine, Susan Whitaker, Judge Bernard Silver