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March 30, 2014 – Philadelphia, PA – The Benjamin Franklin American Inn of Court, a non-profit organization providing professional education in intellectual property ("IP") law and legal ethics, is pleased to announce that its work and its president have been honored with a significant award.

**Stewart M. Wiener** was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal by a national organization for intellectual property lawyers, the Linn Inn Alliance of the American Inns of Court. The presentation took place on March 28, 2014, at the Waldorf Astoria in New York.

Federal Circuit Judge Richard Linn presented the award at a reception before the New York IP Law Association's 92nd Annual Dinner in Honor of the Federal Judiciary. According to Judge Linn, the medal recognized Stewart's "singular achievements" and "outstanding service over the past several years in helping to bring the American Inn of Court experience to the intellectual property community."

Last year, Stewart was elected president of the Benjamin Franklin American Inn of Court, an organization of IP lawyers in Philadelphia that promotes skill improvement, professionalism, and legal ethics through mentoring and professional education. During his years on its board, his initiatives included creating a scholarship for law students, offering free membership in case of unemployment, and awarding emeritus status to members upon their retirement. Stewart also created a series of continuing legal education programs in a theatrical format, using Shakespeare plays and Broadway musicals to illustrate points in IP law.

About the American Inns of Court: The American Inns of Court were created to bring together lawyers, judges, and law students, with the goal of improving ethics, civility, and legal skills. The Linn Inn Alliance is a specialty branch of the national organization, representing Inns in 22 cities that focus on IP and patent law. For more information, visit www.innsofcourt.org.

*About Stewart Wiener:* Stewart is senior intellectual property counsel for cable TV innovator ARRIS Group, in Horsham, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining ARRIS in 2013, he was senior patent counsel at Google's wholly-owned subsidiary Motorola Mobility. He previously practiced law in Philadelphia at Drinker Biddle & Reath.