

**THE FIRST DISTRICT APPELLATE AMERICAN INN OF COURT**

recently held its opening session with a fish fry at Dorothy Owen Park in Tallahassee. Organized three years ago to promote excellence and professionalism in the practice of appellate law and cultivating those traits in fellow lawyers, the chapter's membership consists of judges from the First District Court of Appeal, about 55 appellate practitioners from Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Pensacola, and Panama City, and 12 law students from Florida State University. The inn also makes a conscious effort to involve government lawyers in its mission. Ken Bell of Pensacola, a former Supreme Court justice who now practices regularly in front of the First DCA, swore in this year's officers, including, pictured from the left below, Judge Charles J. Kahn, Jr., president; Katherine Giddings of Tallahassee, secretary; and Michael Tanner of Jacksonville, counselor/president-elect. The immediate past president is Susan Kelsey of Tallahassee. To the right is Tyrie Boyer, who served as a First DCA judge from 1973-1979 and now practices in Jacksonville.

