



*International Association  
of Defense Counsel*



*“My membership in the IADC has given me a great network of lawyers across the country to draw upon, to handle matters for my companies, to consult with based on whatever expertise that one might have and I need in my practice.”*

- Alfred R. Paliani

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## WHAT IS THE IADC?

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) is an elite international organization of around 2,500 peer-reviewed in-house counsel, insurance executives, and outside counsel representing business entities across the world. The Association is a stalwart champion of the legal interests of the business community, a leader in civil justice reform, and a pioneer in professional skills development. IADC membership provides a unique opportunity to network with distinguished colleagues, access extraordinary continuing education, and impact public policy, all in a unique collegial environment.

## A DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The IADC's membership reflects the increasing globalization of business and law. In-house counsel and insurance executive members work at large, mid-size and small companies based throughout the world. Outside counsel members represent corporations in America and abroad, including a majority of FORTUNE 500 companies.

As a truly international organization, members hail from around 35 countries on five continents. Most major centers of banking, industry and commerce, including London, New York, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Bermuda, Milan, Paris, Sydney, Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo, have resident members. Distinguished insurance executives and legal counselors to business join the IADC to promote the interests of their clients, their employers, and the profession. In short, for those who are active in the IADC, membership is an outstanding opportunity to network with leading in-house counsel, preeminent defense lawyers and insurance executives from around the world.

*“The most valuable aspect of IADC membership are the relationships you make over time with the top people in your profession.”*

- Robert Hunter, Altec Inc.  
Birmingham, Alabama USA



## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PART OF THE IADC

The IADC exists to enhance the legal skills of its members and the business interests of their organizations. In pursuing this mission, the Association has established many distinguished organizations and programs, including:

Among the many corporations that have been active in the IADC are:

AON Corporation  
Bayer Corporation  
ConocoPhillips Company  
Ernst & Young  
Exxon Mobil Corporation  
Federal Express  
Georgia-Pacific, LLC  
Johnson & Johnson  
Lockheed Martin Space Systems  
Michelin North America, Inc.  
Microsoft Corporation  
Pfizer  
Shell Oil Company  
The Coca-Cola Company  
Union Pacific Railroad Company  
GMAC Insurance  
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company  
Liberty Mutual Group  
Minnesota Lawyers Mutual  
National Indemnity Company  
Sentry Insurance  
State Farm Mutual

- **Lawyers for Civil Justice**, to counteract rapidly accelerating litigation costs, runaway jury verdicts, and routine awards of punitive damages;

- The **IADC Corporate Counsel College** and **International Corporate Counsel College**, showcasing highly respected panelists and speakers who address the challenges faced by in-house counsel, insurance executives, and their advisors;

- The **IADC Legislative Rapid Response Program**, to promote the rapid dissemination of information about legislation likely to impact defendants in civil litigation;

- The **IADC Amicus Curiae Program**, to improve the civil justice system through appellate advocacy on defense issues of broad application;

- The **Defense Research Institute**, to provide broad-based education for the defense bar;

- The **IADC Trial Academy**, an intensive one-week course of study to provide realistic training for trial lawyer representing corporations and insurers;

- The **Foundation of the IADC**, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the practice of corporate and insurance counsel and improving the civil justice system.

Membership in the IADC adds value to your professional life in a way that sets it apart from any other organization. The IADC takes action on behalf of the business and insurance communities and their outside counsel. In working towards common goals, members build business relationships and lifelong friendships with colleagues from around the world. The Association's small size, superior legal events, and carefully crafted programs and activities uniquely foster professional and personal growth.



## UNMATCHED CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The IADC provides educational and leadership opportunities for the entire membership, as well as unparalleled specialized and regional programming. Speakers at recent IADC meetings include The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, Richard Armitage, Marian Wright Edelman, Senator Mel Martinez, U.S. Ambassador Ronald P. Spogli, and many other distinguished judges, professors, and lawyers.

In addition to the highly popular Corporate Counsel Colleges and the Trial Academy mentioned earlier, the Association offers the following educational opportunities to serve its members, their clients, and the legal community:

*Annual and Midyear Meetings.* The two largest IADC meetings combine timely CLE, committee business meetings and internal programs, and networking and social opportunities. CLE formats include small and large groups, workshops, and hands-on training.

*Professional Liability Roundtable.* This day-long program offers insight into key professional liability issues that face small, medium size, and large firms.

*Regional Meetings.* The IADC organizes Regional Meetings in North America, Asia and Europe for members and guests to convene for a short educational program and networking. These popular meetings are free of charge, open to guests and provide an opportunity to discuss relevant issues with local members of the Association.

*Webinars.* IADC Webinars (web-based seminars) provide members and their companies with complimentary one-hour educational opportunities presented by IADC members who are leading experts in the subject matter. They constitute a highly efficient and valuable benefit to in-house counsel, insurance executives and their entire departments.

## PARTICIPATION THROUGH IADC COMMITTEES

The heart of the Association is its more than three dozen committees, through which members network, learn advanced skills, and advance the objectives of the business community and defense bar. The Insurance Executive and Corporate Counsel Committees provide their members with educational programs and networking opportunities to address common concerns. They also work to ensure that the IADC continues to meet the needs of corporate counsel, insurance executives, and their employers. Substantive law committees are open to all members, and are excellent venues in which to share ideas and connect with others with similar interests and expertise. Committees meet at the Annual and Midyear Meetings and communicate between meetings via newsletters, phone conferences, and online.





## SCHOLARLY OPPORTUNITIES

The IADC promotes academic dialogue through the publication of the quarterly *Defense Counsel Journal*. Published continuously since 1934, the *Journal* is an internationally respected publication that focuses on topical and scholarly legal issues involving substantive law, procedures and trial techniques. In member surveys, the *Defense Counsel Journal* ranks as one of the most useful and utilized member services.

The IADC also offers all members the opportunity to contribute articles to substantive law committee monthly newsletters, which provide members with up-to-date information on important legal developments.

## MEMBERSHIP THAT REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The IADC seeks a membership that reflects the diversity of the profession and the world in which its members live and practice. The IADC actively promotes an environment of inclusion in which varied backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences are shared and valued.

## THE IADC INVESTMENT

The benefits of IADC membership are funded through annual dues. Of course, meeting registrations and attendance may involve additional costs. However, the cost of membership is more than outweighed by the advantages bestowed upon active members and their employers. Whether paid for by the company, or by the member as an individual, these costs are best viewed as an investment in you and your organization. For more information on the International Association of Defense Counsel, contact the IADC at 312.368.1494 or visit [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org).