



*International Association  
of Defense Counsel*



*“The IADC is an extraordinary organisation - in my experience it is unique amongst the international legal organisations in which I have been a member. As a direct result of participation in the IADC, I have become involved in some of the most complex and significant multi-jurisdictional litigation that has been prosecuted over the past 20 years as well as made some of my closest friends.”*

- Stuart Clark, Clayton Utz  
Sydney, Australia

## WHAT IS THE IADC?

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) is an elite international organisation 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 globalisation 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 doing business on every continent, including a majority of the FORTUNE 500 companies.

As a truly international organisation, members hail from around 35 countries on five continents. Most major centres of banking, industry and commerce have resident members, including London, New York, Frankfurt, Beijing, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Milan, Paris, Sydney, Bermuda, Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo. Distinguished insurance executives and legal counsellors 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 defence and business lawyers and insurance executives from around the world.

*“IADC gives me a unique opportunity to network with influential and expert in-house and external counsel in a very friendly environment, while obtaining all the continuing legal education I need at excellent meetings each year.”*

- Bill Perry, Carter Perry Bailey LLP  
London, England



## 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 organisations. In pursuing this mission, the Association has established many distinguished organisations and programmes, including:

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

Akzo Nobel  
Bayer AG  
British American Tobacco, Plc.  
DEKRA AG  
EADS Deutschland GmbH  
Eisai Inc.  
Ernst & Young  
Exxon Mobil Corporation  
Federal Express  
Holtzbrinck GmbH & Co. KG  
Hydro Quebec  
Koch Industries  
Lockheed Martin Space Systems  
Michelin North America, Inc.  
Microsoft Corporation  
Pfizer  
Ryan Specialty (Europe) Ltd.  
Shell International B.V.  
The Coca-Cola Company

- **Lawyers for Civil Justice**, to counter-act 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 panellists and speakers who address the challenges faced by in-house counsel, insurance executives, and their advisers;
- **The IADC Legislative Rapid Response Programme**, to promote the rapid dissemination of information about legislation likely to impact defendants in civil litigation;
- **The IADC Amicus Curiae Programme**, to improve the civil justice system through appellate advocacy on defence issues of broad application;
- **The Defense Research Institute**, to provide broad-based education for the defence bar;
- **The IADC Trial Academy**, an intensive one-week course of study to provide realistic training for trial lawyers representing corporations and insurers;
- **The Foundation of the IADC**, a not-for-profit organisation 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 organisation. 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 programmes 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 specialised and regional programming. Speakers at recent IADC meetings include former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, 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 programmes, and networking and social opportunities. CLE formats include small and large groups, workshops, and hands-on training.

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

***Regional Meetings.*** The IADC organises Regional Meetings in North America, Asia and Europe for members and guests to convene for a short educational programme 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 defence bar. 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 utilised 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 practise. 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 organisation. For more information on the International Association of Defense Counsel, contact the IADC at 1.312.368.1494 or visit [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org).