



# IADC DOCKET



Joseph E. O'Neil  
IADC President-Elect

## President-Elect's Message

The IADC is now in its 95th year and the organization is better than ever. Our 2,500 members hail from more than 40 countries and five continents, and we continue to grow and expand throughout the world. The IADC stands alone, and our new logo captures the essence of our preeminent association and its members - *Superior Advocates, Global Perspective*.

President Tripp Haston has worked tirelessly to BUILD on the achievements and momentum the IADC has experienced over the past 20 years and, more recently, *The Global Connection* initiative our Immediate Past President, Molly Craig, launched in 2013. In the past two years, the IADC and its valued members have attended successful Regional Meetings and substantive programs in Paris, Milan, Vienna, London, Stuttgart, Lisbon, Singapore, Sydney, Hong Kong, Sao Paolo and throughout the United States and Canada. Tripp's global leadership of the IADC is unprecedented and the *For Law, For Life* theme of his tenure has truly enhanced the value of relationships, business development and education for our members.

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### 20/20 Vision

The IADC is in the home stretch toward its Centennial celebration in 2020. In the coming year, the leadership of the organization will continue its ongoing efforts to add greater value and increased visibility to the IADC and its members throughout the world. In April, the Board of Directors and the IADC staff began to work on a strategic plan that will ultimately define the association in its 100th year.

We will not sit still as an organization. We need to grow and evolve. And, as we do so, we will not forget or ignore what has made the IADC so unique and special. Keeping in mind our core values and mission, the Board, with valued input from our members and staff, will work to define our "20/20 Vision" for the IADC. The framework will include vision statements and an analysis of virtually every aspect of the association and its operations. We will identify specific goals and set the stage for the development of concrete strategies that can be reasonably and readily assessed, measured and, if necessary, modified in the years leading up to our Centennial in 2020. The Board of Directors is focused and energized, and we are firmly committed to expanding the global reach and preeminence of the IADC.

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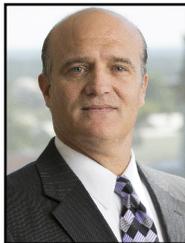
## Let Your Voice Be Heard! **Submit Comments for the Upcoming Board Elections**

The Nominating Committee will receive comments at the Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado in July and then will nominate candidates to fill the following positions: President-Elect, Vice President of Insurance, and three new Board members. Although the membership may elect any member to the President-Elect position, traditionally the membership has selected from the Board members who are completing their terms of office. There are four Board members leaving office this year. Vice President of Insurance Dan Zureich has chosen not to be considered for the position. The other three outgoing Board members have expressed interest in the President-Elect position, and their biographies are offered in the next few pages. Thank you to all four Board members for their impressive service and dedication to the IADC. We are very appreciative of all they have done.

If you will be at the Annual Meeting, you can sign up for a time to offer comments to the Nominating Committee by going to the IADC Information Desk. If you will not be present at the Annual Meeting, please submit your comments by email in advance to the Nominating Committee Chair Joseph W. Ryan, Jr. For more information on the Nominating Committee schedule and how to submit comments to the Nominating Committee, see page 8.



[Click here](#) to read  
Nancy M. Erfle's  
biography.



[Click here](#) to read  
John T. Lay, Jr.'s  
biography.



[Click here](#) to read  
Kenneth R. Meyer's  
biography.



## Nancy M. Erfle

Nancy Erfle is a partner with Gordon Rees Scully and Mansukhani LLP. Previously, she was a shareholder at the northwest firm of Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt for 23 years where she served on the firm's Board of Directors and chaired the Product Liability practice group.

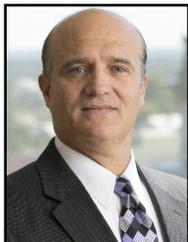
Nancy's practice concentrates on defending clients in complex litigation matters, including product liability, mass tort, drug and medical device; and commercial litigation. She has served as local, regional, and national counsel for her clients, defending them in matters across the United States.

Nancy grew up near the small town of Rapelje in rural Montana. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Rocky Mountain College in Billings. She attended law school at Willamette University College of Law and was a member of Law Review.

Nancy is a longtime member of the ABA, DRI, and Product Liability Advisory Council. She has been active in the local bar, has served on the Oregon Board of Bar Examiners, and is an adjunct professor in aviation law for the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College. She has received numerous awards and honors, including *Best Lawyers in America* for Product Liability, "100 Most Powerful Women in the Northwest" by *Northwest Women's Journal*, and *Benchmark Litigation's* Top 250 Women in American Litigation, as well as Oregon Litigation Star. Nancy's husband, Rick Fortner, is a corporate member of the IADC. They have two sons, Jonathan (16) and Michael (12), who regularly attend the Annual Meetings. Nancy and Rick have served as First Timer Hosts for several meetings.

Since joining in 2004, Nancy has served the IADC and its members in various ways. Prior to her service on the Board of Directors, Nancy contributed as a member of the Membership, Hospitality, General Convention, Think IADC First, Product Liability, Trial Techniques and Tactics, and Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committees. She also served as Vice Chair for Programs and Projects for both the Class Actions and Multi-Party Litigation and Legislative, Judicial and Government Affairs Committees. Nancy was a faculty member for the 2007 Trial Academy and served on the Trial Academy Task Force for a number of years thereafter. Nancy was also a member of the 2009 Nominating Committee.

During her service on the Board, Nancy has been the Board liaison to the Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee and for Webinars. She has also been the Board member in charge of Regional Meetings, working with the Board and international members to expand the meetings to five continents. This year, among other duties, she has chaired the Bylaws Task Force and the Asia Corporate Counsel College Task Force.



## John T. Lay, Jr.

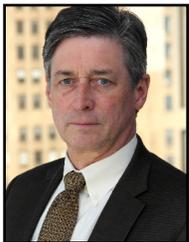
John T. is the managing shareholder of Gallivan, White & Boyd, a firm with five offices in two states. He has an active trial practice with extensive experience in commercial litigation, legal malpractice, and product liability on a local, regional, and national basis. He has been recognized for inclusion in six categories of *Best Lawyers in America*, and received the honor of a South Carolina Top 25 *Super Lawyer*. He is also listed in *Chambers USA* and *Benchmark Litigation*.

Since joining the IADC in 2002, John T. has served the IADC in many ways. For the past three years, he has been the Board Liaison for the Membership Committee and helped increase IADC's membership each year. He also has led the Visibility Project for two years, which developed the IADC's new logo and tagline and advanced significant media placement opportunities for IADC members, both in the United States and internationally. The Visibility Committee produced an In-House/Outside Counsel survey, and the results will be published by the Annual Meeting. In previous years, John T. served as the Board Liaison for both the Product Liability and Website Committees. He also has chaired the Business Litigation Committee, has served on the Nominating Committee, has hosted Regional Meetings, and is a member of the Diversity and International Committees. He has been a member of the Think IADC First, *Defense Counsel Journal*, Social Media, First Timer, Website, and the Under Represented States Task Forces. He and his wife, Sharon, served as the General Convention Chairs for the 2011 meetings in Pebble Beach and Whistler. John T. also was on the 2009 IADC Trial Academy Faculty.

John T. has spoken at the Midyear and Annual Meetings, Webinars, and the Corporate Counsel College. He has co-authored committee newsletters, as well as an article for the *Defense Counsel Journal*. His wife, Sharon, served as Co-Chair of the Photography Committee on several occasions. She and John T. were Book Review Chairs at the 2012 Annual Meeting. They have been First Timer Hosts on numerous occasions and have been chairs of the Hospitality Committee. They have been President's Circle members of the IADC Foundation for a number of years and have made numerous donations to IADC Foundation auctions.

John T. is the current President of the South Carolina chapter of ABOTA, and past President of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, for which he received DRI's Fred H. Sievert Outstanding Defense Leader Award. He is also a member of the ADTA, DRI, and Insuralex, and he has taught trial advocacy at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

John T. earned his B.A. from Davidson College, where he wrestled for four years, and his J.D. from University of South Carolina School of Law. John T. and Sharon have three children, who have enjoyed attending many IADC meetings. John T. and Sharon serve their community through membership on a variety of community boards, church, coaching, and activities with their children's school. The Lay family has been privileged to be involved in the IADC over the last thirteen years and feels so fortunate to have made numerous lifelong friends.



## Kenneth R. Meyer

Ken is a partner with McCarter & English, LLP, in its Newark, New Jersey office. He is a Certified Civil Trial Attorney (since 1995) with an extensive trial practice focused in commercial litigation, complex product liability, and mass tort. Ken is a member of the New Jersey, New York, and Texas bars. He has litigated in state and federal courts throughout the country and has broad experience as national and appellate counsel. Ken's work encompasses counseling for risk avoidance, recall, and labeling for products ranging from pharmaceuticals to mounted sports cameras to beer kegs. He has authored several product instruction manuals. Ken chaired his district's ethics committee and continues to serve as a special ethics master.

Before joining McCarter, Ken was a principal at Porzio, Bromberg & Newman in Morristown, New Jersey where he served as practice group chair for the product liability and life sciences group. He earned his B.A. from Colgate University and his J.D., *cum laude*, from Seton Hall.

In this past year, Ken received the Altec All Star Award for product liability counsel and the Terex Outstanding Product Liability Counsel of the Year Award. He is recognized in *Best Lawyers* as New Jersey Lawyer of the Year for mass tort/class actions; and in *Who's Who* Legal Life Sciences, *Who's Who* Product Liability Defence, *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, and *Euromoney's* Institutional Investor's Litigation/Product Liability Expert Guide.

Ken joined the IADC in 2000 and has been privileged to serve in numerous ways. On the Board of Directors (2012-present), Ken chairs the CLE and Strategic Alliances Task Forces and is liaison to the CLE and International Arbitration Committees. He joined the CLE Committee in 2009, which he chaired from 2010-2012. He served on every Midyear and Annual Meeting program committee since 2010. He chaired the Product Liability Committee (2008 and 2009) and he held several Vice-Chair positions before that.

Ken was a Trial Academy faculty member in 2009. He has spoken at major and internal CLE programs and Webinars, and he is published in the *Defense Counsel Journal* and committee newsletters. Currently, he is authoring a chapter for the *Defense Counsel Training Manual*. Additional IADC activities include First Timers, Webinar, and Trial Attorney Task Forces, and chairing the New Jersey Membership Committee.

Ken organized several Regional Meetings in New Jersey/New York, including the April 2015 first-ever joint Regional Meeting with the IADC, IADC Foundation, and iCivics (for which he is the New Jersey Ambassador), where The Foundation announced the inaugural pledge to the Sandra Day O'Connor Legacy Fund. Ken has been instrumental in recruiting nationally renowned speakers for meetings, including Cory Booker and Chris Christie.

Focusing on the international aspect of the association, Ken and his wife, Cynthia, have hosted many informal international dinners to welcome new members and facilitate existing international member involvement. Their Barcelona dinner included families from 10 countries. Cynthia has been active as a First Timer Host and photographer, and this summer she will run a new children's program at The Broadmoor. Ken, Cynthia, and their sons, Gregory, Kenny, and Max, have made numerous lifelong friends in the IADC. The Meyers look forward to serving the organization for years to come.

## THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS

The Nominating Committee is comprised of five IADC members. The Chair is the IADC President from four years prior. The current President appoints the remaining members of the Committee and identifies those individuals at the Opening Session of the Annual Meeting. Any member who has not been an officer or director or has served on the Nominating Committee in the past four years is eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee. The traditions of the IADC impose on the President the obligation to select active members who are aware of the activities of the organization and the responsibilities of leadership without selecting members who - by virtue of their level of activity - also enjoy a close personal relationship with one of the candidates.

### **Qualification for Office**

Any active member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination and election to elective office, subject to any additional requirements for specific positions as outlined by the bylaws. No officer shall be eligible for re-election to the same office until no earlier than the fourth Annual Meeting after the conclusion after his or her term.

### **Submitting Comments**

IADC members can submit comments to the Committee in advance of the Annual Meeting by email to Nominating Committee Chair Joseph W. Ryan, Jr. ([jryan@porterwright.com](mailto:jryan@porterwright.com)), with copy to Mary Beth Kurzak, Executive Director ([mkurzak@iadclaw.org](mailto:mkurzak@iadclaw.org)). Members can offer comments in person at the Annual Meeting. (See page 8 for schedule.) Comments are limited to five-minute appointments at the Annual Meeting, so please come prepared to be efficient with your comments. Members can comment or express their opinion on each vacancy or candidate or just some. The Nominating Committee will be interested in not only in who you endorse but why, so please be prepared to elaborate on your recommendation.

### **Prohibition of Campaigning**

The IADC's policy is to prohibit public or private campaigning for a position on the Board of Directors or as an Officer. Members are not to tell others that they are interested in serving on the Board. They may, however, if asked by members if they are interested in serving on the Board respond affirmatively. Members should not campaign on behalf of anyone whom they are supporting for a position on the Board or as an Officer. Candidates are not to ask for a commitment from any member of the Nomination Committee to support them.

### **Elections**

The Nominating Committee will offer its slate of nominees at the Closing Session of the Annual Meeting. A voice vote shall be called for each nominee. Each member, other than those in Emeritus or Inactive status, shall have one vote and the majority vote of those members present and eligible to vote shall govern.

## SHARE YOUR VIEWS WITH THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

If you will be at the Annual Meeting, you can schedule time to speak to the Committee at the IADC Information Desk.

### OPEN HEARINGS WILL BE HELD:

**TUESDAY, JULY 7, 8:45 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 7:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, JULY 9, 7:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

If you will not be at the Annual Meeting, please send your views in advance of the meeting to the Nominating Committee Chair with copy to the Executive Director:

**Joe Ryan, Nominating Committee Chair, [jryan@porterwright.com](mailto:jryan@porterwright.com)**

**Mary Beth Kurzak, Executive Director, [mkurzak@iadclaw.org](mailto:mkurzak@iadclaw.org)**

*Your comments will be treated with complete confidentiality.*

## BOARD TO RECOMMEND BYLAWS CHANGE AT ANNUAL MEETING

Per the IADC Bylaws, Secretary-Treasurer Leta Gorman submits notice of the following proposed Bylaws change to the membership for consideration. The proposal changes the term “civil litigation” in Article III, Section 1A of the IADC Bylaws (pertaining to the requirements to be an outside counsel member) to “formal legal dispute resolution.” The Board of Directors moved to support this change during its April 2015 Board Meeting. The Board recommends changing “civil litigation” to “formal legal dispute resolution” to better describe the practices of our members all around the world. On July 6, 2015, the members present at the 2015 Annual Meeting Opening Session will vote on this recommended change. The change proposed is as follows:

**Article III. Members. Section 1. Members. A. Any person who is and, for at least (8) eight years immediately prior to being nominated for Membership, has been licensed or otherwise authorized to practice law in any country, state or territory or other political subdivision duly authorized to administer justice in said jurisdiction, and is of high professional standing, who is principally devoted to the representation of defendants or business in ~~civil litigation~~ formal legal dispute resolution and who will contribute to the purposes and activities of the Association; provided, however, that service on the bench or as a public official engaged in the supervision or regulation of the insurance industry for all or any part of the eight (8) years immediately preceding a nomination for Membership shall satisfy, pro tanto, the foregoing experience requirements. To be eligible for membership it is expected that the individual would contribute to and promote the purposes and activities of the Association.**

If you have questions regarding the proposed change, please contact Executive Director Mary Beth Kurzak at [mkurzak@iadclaw.org](mailto:mkurzak@iadclaw.org).

## President-Elect's Message continued...

One other note. The Mission and Core Values of the IADC include promoting positive reform of the civil justice system and respect for the rule of law. Our Board recently approved the establishment of a Task Force, the first of its kind among organizations like the IADC, to ensure that the IADC and its members continue to serve as guardians, caretakers, and advocates of and for social justice, and to serve as role models for others in our profession. Many of our members already devote countless hours of their time for pro bono-related initiatives to serve those in need: the poor, the disadvantaged, and other individuals, groups or organizations who are not able to access legal assistance to address critical problems. The task force will support, enhance, and transform the social justice and pro bono efforts of IADC members, corporate legal departments and public interest organizations around the world. The task force will work to make certain that IADC members who offer their time and talent to help those in need are recognized for their efforts. Stay tuned, you can expect to hear more about our Task Force as it is rolled out in the months ahead.

Karen and I hope to see many of you at The Broadmoor in July. Tripp and Cara have planned a fabulous meeting that will surely be memorable for our members and IADC families.

If you do plan to attend, please be sure to visit with the Nominating Committee chaired by Past President Joe Ryan. If you are not able to make this year's Annual Meeting, I encourage you to email your thoughts to Mary Beth Kurzak ([mkurzak@iadclaw.org](mailto:mkurzak@iadclaw.org)) or Joe Ryan ([jryan@porterwright.com](mailto:jryan@porterwright.com)). Your valued input on the future leaders of the IADC is critical as we begin our final approach to the IADC's Centennial in 2020!

## 2015 Corporate Counsel College Recap

The Corporate Counsel College was held April 16 and 17 at The Ritz-Carlton in Chicago. The meeting was very well received by attendees. Many commented on the exceptional panels and the great opportunities to meet with others.

Thank you to Corporate Counsel College Dean James M. Campbell and the entire College Advisory Board for all of their work to put together this excellent program. Thank you to our sponsors [Litigation Management, Inc.](#), [Exponent](#), [Tsongas](#), [Discovia](#), and [Thomas G. Oakes Associates](#) for helping make this conference possible.

*Save the date for the 2016 Corporate Counsel College! The conference will be held April 28 and 29 at The Ritz-Carlton in Chicago, Illinois.*



*Click through the photo gallery above to see photos from the Corporate Counsel College and the Chicago Regional Meeting which was held the evening before.*

*Save the Date - Invite Your Clients!*

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Registration and program information will be available this summer at [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org).

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*"The Academy was an incredible experience. The ability to focus solely on trial practice for a solid week, and actually conduct a mock trial, made it a meaningful and practical exercise. The faculty was exceptional and raised the bar for my own expectations in the courtroom."*  
-Jason Marsh, Phelps Dunbar LLP

The IADC's Trial Academy is the preeminent defense trial advocacy training program and is a career-changing opportunity. The 43rd Annual Trial Academy will be held August 1-7 at Stanford Law School in Palo Alto, California.

This year's class has less than 5 seats left, so [register today](#) to secure your spot! For more information, please visit the [Trial Academy page](#) on the IADC website.

## IADC/FDCC Joint Law Firm Management Conference Summary

The Joint Law Firm Management Conference held with the FDCC was held in Chicago at The Conrad from May 13 to 15 and was a major success. It was a pleasure to present thoughtful and timely programming with the FDCC. Thank you so much to Co-Chairs Marty Healy and Marc Harwell, our moderators and speakers, and all the attendees who joined us for this conference. Thank you to sponsors [Altep, Inc.](#), [Crystal & Company](#), [Exponent](#), [Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP](#), and [UnitedLex](#) for helping make this event possible.



## Regional Meeting Summaries

The IADC has had a full Regional Meeting calendar this spring and had great educational and networking meetings throughout the world for IADC members and guests. Over the past few months, Regional Meetings have been hosted in Sao Paulo, Brazil; New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; London, England; Columbia, South Carolina; and Lisbon, Portugal. Thank you to all our meeting hosts, attendees, and corporate and firm sponsors for making each of these Regional Meetings wonderful.

### **March 18 – Nashville, TN Regional Meeting**

We had a wonderful Regional Meeting with Mayor Karl Dean and IADC members and guests from four different states.

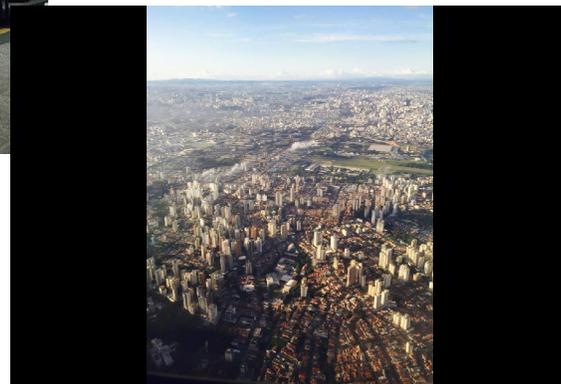
### **May 14 and 15 – Lisbon, Portugal Regional Meeting**

The Lisboa meeting at Barrocas Advogados Sociedade de Advogados was a great success and a splendid conference. Speakers came from the U.S., Germany, Ukraine, France, Belgium, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, and England. The meeting consisted of a visit to a top-world medical research and treatment center for cancer and other diseases (Fundação Champalimaud), a networking reception and dinners, and educational programming.

The Foundation of the IADC is officially launching its campaign to match its **\$100,000** donation with donations from IADC members and their law firms and companies. To donate, [please use this form](#).



(above) New York Regional Meeting where The Foundation of the IADC gave a \$100,000 contribution to iCivics for the newly created Sandra Day O'Connor Legacy Fund. (left) Attendees at the London, England Regional Meeting. (below) Click through the gallery to view photos from our spring Regional Meetings.



## **NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY!**

Do you know of a client or colleague who would be an excellent addition to the IADC? Nominate her or him today!

The [nomination form](#) can be found on the IADC website under the "IADC Membership" tab.

You can also find the form on the IADC's mobile site at [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org) on your mobile device by clicking "Nomination Form/Sponsorship Form."

## In Memoriam

*We offer our sympathy to the families and friends of this IADC member.*

**John Russell**  
Williamsburg, Virginia USA

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### **Adam C. Bassing**

UCB, Inc.  
Smyrna, GA

### **Amy Holliman Brown**

Sedgwick Claims Management  
Services, Inc.  
Memphis, TN

### **Rossana Buzzi**

Schneider Electric EMEA  
Sesto San Giovanni, Italy

### **Frederick H. Fern**

Harris Beach PLLC  
New York, NY

### **Alyson B. Jones**

Butler, Snow, O'Mara,  
Stevens, Cannada, PLLC  
Ridgeland, MS

### **Matthew P. Julian**

Siemens Corporation  
Orlando, FL

### **Kristi Lush**

Zupkus & Angell  
Denver, CO

### **Alexandre Marcotte**

Akzo Nobel Legal Group  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

### **Ryan A. Polkowski**

Harley-Davidson Motor Company  
Wauwatosa, WI

### **Andru Wall**

USAA  
San Antonio, TX

### **Victoria Webster**

Yamaha Motor Corporation USA  
Newnan, GA

*Click on a new member's name to view their firm or LinkedIn profile.*

## IADC SUCCESSES

[M.C. Sungaila](#), Partner at Snell & Wilmer in Palo Alto, California, assisted the California Court of Appeal in rejecting an Establishment Clause challenge to teaching yoga in Encinitas public schools. M.C. was also named to the Top Women Lawyers list by *The Daily Journal*.

[Craig A. Thompson](#), IADC Board Member and Partner at Venable LLP in Baltimore, Maryland, authored an article on storytelling and making your audience care at trial for *Diversity & the Bar*.

[Mark Behrens](#), a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP in Washington, D.C., authored an article on pending changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on pretrial discovery.

[Cal Watson](#), a member of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC in Columbia, South Carolina, was selected to the 2015 *Super Lawyers* list for the category of Business Litigation.

[Stephen D. Brody](#), a partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Washington, D.C., was appointed co-chair of the firm's Product Liability and Mass Torts Group.

IADC members [Janika Tzankova](#), [David Rosenberg](#), and [Bill Perry](#) co-authored an article on U.S. markets evolving subrogation strategy for *Insurance Day*.

[Eve B. Masinter](#), IADC Board Member and Partner at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P. in New Orleans, Louisiana, was recognized in the 2015 edition of *Chambers USA* for Labor & Employment (Band 2).

IADC member [Sharla Frost](#) joined the firm Tucker Ellis as a partner in the firm's Houston office.

[David J. Beck](#), of Beck Redden in Houston, Texas, was recognized as Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

*Click on the member's name to view their firm or LinkedIn profile.*

## IADC IN THE NEWS

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[Action is Needed to Confront Spoliation Creep](#) by Jeff Lilly  
(April 22)

[Spoliation and the Long-Awaited Federal e-Discovery Rule Changes](#) by Jeff Lilly (May 21)

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**Annual Meeting**

*The Broadmoor*

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**43rd Annual Trial Academy**

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*Palo Alto, California USA*

October 15 - 16, 2015

**International Corporate Counsel College**

*Hilton Vienna Plaza*

*Vienna, Austria*

February 20 - 25, 2016

**Midyear Meeting**

*The Inn at Spanish Bay*

*Pebble Beach, California USA*

April 28 - 29, 2016

**Corporate Counsel College**

*The Ritz-Carlton*

*Chicago, Illinois USA*

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- Going Forward Under the New *Sandoz* Supreme Court Law in Markman Hearings: March 25 ([Presentation](#) and [Recording](#))
- Admissibility of Traffic Citations in Subsequent Civil Litigation: April 22 ([Presentation](#) and [Recording](#))
- Think Like a Plaintiffs Lawyer: April 29 ([Presentation](#) and [Recording](#))
- Basic Business Valuation Techniques: May 6 ([Presentation](#) and [Recording](#))
- Online Dispute Resolution: Where We Are Now: May 13 ([Presentation](#) and [Recording](#))
- Lone Pine Orders and Proposed Amendments to Rule 26: May 20 ([Presentation](#) and [Recording](#))

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