

# IADC DOCKET

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*Andrew Kopon Jr.*  
*IADC President*

## President's Message

IADC Regional Meetings are an example of a simple, yet brilliant idea that has caught fire over the past few years. The concept underlying Regional Meetings is to offer IADC members around the world an opportunity to come together in their geographical region to develop their relationships and their connection to the IADC. We started out modestly with informal, sporadic Regional Meetings held occasionally around the US. It seems that whenever bright, collegial people get together to develop relationships, good things are bound to happen – and the IADC has taken this formula and leveraged it to make our Association stronger and better.

Over the past nine months, the IADC has held Regional Meetings in London, Birmingham, Sydney, Hong Kong, Pittsburgh, New York City, Lima, Chicago, Singapore, San Francisco, Toronto and on June 13: Oklahoma City. The turn out by IADC members and leadership has been impressive. In Lima, members attended from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Peru. During our Asian Regional Meetings, held in Hong Kong in October and Singapore in May, members attended from Australia, Belgium, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam.

What Regional Meetings offer, that technology cannot replace, is the opportunity to spend quality time with other IADC members to develop important business, professional, and personal relationships. Technology offers us platforms to stay connected, but Regional Meetings offer us unique opportunities to spend time with each other over refreshments and dinner to get to know each other in a more meaningful way. The structure for our Regional Meetings is typically designed around outstanding CLE programming that lasts for about 90 minutes at the end of a business day followed by a reception and often dinner. This format allows us to keep abreast of the law in our trial and law practices and offers quality time for us to get to know our colleagues in our region of the world – and grows our connection to 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 Lisbon, Portugal 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 Al Hilber 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 on the next 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 Molly Craig with copy to Executive Director Mary Beth Kurzak. For more information on the Nominating Committee schedule and how to submit comments to the Nominating Committee, see page 8.



Click here to read  
Amy Sherry Fischer's  
biography.



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S. Gordon McKee's  
biography.



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David J. Rosenberg's  
biography.



## Amy Sherry Fischer

As a shareholder at Foliart, Huff, Ottaway, and Bottom in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Amy has a national practice, in both state and federal courts, in the areas of products liability (particularly drug and medical devices), commercial litigation, and direct insurance matters. In addition to IADC, she was the chair of the ABA's Women in Products Liability Committee. She is a member of the Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel (past Vice President) and has participated in various substantive committees of DRI. She has been named a *Super Lawyer* for a number of years. She is also actively involved in her local community as a member of the executive board of her church and past President of the PTA at her children's school.

After attending her first IADC meeting in Rome in 2006, Amy began serving on the Open Forum Committee in 2007. In 2008, she was appointed to the national Membership Committee, served as Vice Chair and Chair, and currently serves as Board Liaison. She has been the State Membership Chair for Oklahoma since 2009. Amy is also a proud member of the Barbourian (2011) Trial Academy faculty.

As Products Liability Committee Chair, Amy received the Joan Fullam Irick Award for exceptional Committee leadership. She has also held various Vice Chair positions on that Committee and the Drug, Device, and Biotechnology Committee. She was on the Foundation Board of Directors, and served as President and Vice President. Amy and Tim have been Life Fellows of the Foundation Circle for many years. She was the Midyear Meeting CLE Chair in 2013 and has served on other CLE Committees. She has moderated panels and been a speaker at several meetings. She is currently on the Centennial Planning Committee.

Amy has served on multiple IADC Task Forces, including the Western U.S. Membership, Think IADC First, First Timers, and several involving proposed Bylaw amendments. As part of her Board responsibilities, she currently chairs the Bylaws Task Force and is the Board Liaison for the Products Liability Committee, Environmental and Energy Law Committee, and the Yancey Memorial Award.

Amy served on the 2010 Nominating Committee in Barcelona while she was pregnant with Beckett. Beckett was a "First Timer" in Pebble Beach in February 2011 while Amy and Tim were the First Timer Chairs. They have enjoyed being First Timer Hosts at every meeting they have attended and delight in welcoming new members to the organization. Tim has been the official or unofficial Run Chair at many of those meetings. Together, Amy and Tim have also served as Second Timer Chairs and Hospitality Chairs. The Fischers enjoy serving on these Committees to make sure members and guests experience the best of the IADC and to assist and encourage them to find ways to get involved with the organization.

Amy tells everyone that IADC is the most rewarding thing she does professionally. Beckett and McLain have grown up in the IADC. Amy and Tim continue to treasure the many friendships made with IADC members and their families.





## S. Gordon McKee

Gord McKee is a senior litigation partner in Blakes, a leading Canadian law firm with 600 plus lawyers across the country. He defends leading multi-national manufacturers in class actions and serious product liability claims involving products, such as prescription and over-the-counter medicines; medical devices; consumer goods; and construction and mining equipment; many of which include cross-border issues. He has led the defence of lengthy class action trials in Ontario, regularly appears in other provinces' courts, and manages litigation nationally for multi-national clients.

Certified by The Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Civil Litigation, Gord is AV Rated in Martindale-Hubbell, listed in *Who's Who Legal* as a Thought Leader in Life Sciences (Product Liability Defence), and in Band I for Class Action Defence in *Chambers* directories. He has received "lawyer of the year" awards from *Benchmark*, *LMG Life Sciences*, and *Best Lawyers*. He has been a member of bench/bar committees seeking to improve the civil justice system, and frequently served as guest instructor at a premier trial advocacy program in Canada.

As an IADC Board member, Gord chaired the International Long Range Planning Task Force, assessing the long range objectives of the IADC with respect to international matters, and the leadership structure to meet those future objectives. He is Chair of the Canadian Class Actions Project Task Force that prepared consultation materials for members, companies, and defence organizations, and submissions to an Ontario law commission on class action reform. He has worked to further the IADC's alliance with the US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR), contributing to two ILR reports and panel discussions at ILR Legal Summits. He worked with Eve Masinter on the *Defense Counsel Journal Privacy Project V*, and served as Board Liaison for the Cyber Security, Data Privacy and Technology, International Arbitration, and International Committees.

Gord joined the IADC in 2002, and was privileged to serve the IADC in a number of capacities before joining the Board. Gord was on the IADC Foundation Board, and coordinated publication of a 45 country *Survey of International Litigation Procedures*. He was a member of the 2011 Nomination Committee, the *DCJ* Board of Editors, and a Bylaws Amendment Task Force. He was Chair of the Drug and Medical Device Committee, Host and Chair of a number of Canadian Regional Meetings, and Vice Chair of a number of Committees. He has spoken at many meetings and published articles on a variety of topics including discovery costs reform; drug and medical device liability; class actions; and trial practice and evidence.

Gord grew up in small town Ontario before meeting Sarah in university and moving to the Toronto area. They enjoy serving the IADC together in various capacities, especially the creation of unique silent auction contributions supporting the IADC Foundation. Their lives have been enriched by friendships established through the organization. They greatly value its professional and community building aspects, and would be honoured to continue serving it. When not practicing law, Gord can be found canoeing on a northern river or adventuring with #McKpartyof8.



## David J. Rosenberg

David J. Rosenberg is a partner at Weber Gallagher, based out of the firm's Pittsburgh, PA office. Dave defends his clients in product and general liability cases, insurance matters, commercial litigation, and employment issues. He currently serves on the firm's Diversity Committee, chairs the firm's 401k Trustees, and is a past member of the firm's Board of Directors.

Dave has achieved an "AV" Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was named to *Best Lawyers* for Insurance Law since 2015 and Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers* since 2010. He was included as one of 226 lawyers worldwide in *Who's Who Legal: Life Science /Products Liability* each year since 2015. Dave is also a long time member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, which is a peer review, invitation only organization of civil trial lawyers in the Pittsburgh area. He has also

served as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, teaching trial advocacy and coaching the mock trial team.

Dave joined the IADC in 2001. Prior to his joining the Board, he served as the President of the IADC Foundation Board of Directors. His interest in the Foundation dates back until at least 2007 when he rode a bicycle from Pittsburgh to Washington D. C. The purpose of the trip was to raise money and awareness for the Gary Walker Scholarship Fund of the IADC Foundation, which was primarily intended to provide assistance to minority and women Trial Academy students.

Dave has been deeply involved in many aspects of the IADC and has been proud to serve as Chair of Property Insurance, Vice Chair of Diversity, Vice Chair of Insurance and Reinsurance, and Vice Chair of Casualty Insurance. Dave has also served on the Audit Committee, First Timer Task Force, Corporate Counsel College Task Force, the Annual and Midyear Meeting CLE Program Steering Committees, Membership Chair for Western Pennsylvania and the Atlantic Region, Marketing Committee Co-Chair, and multiple times as the Running or Biking Chair of the Annual and Midyear Meetings. He was the author of Chapter Seven; Section Four of the *Defense Counsel Training Manual*, Third Edition. Dave served on the Trial Academy Faculty in 2005 and on the Nominating Committee in 2013.

During the 2010 Midyear and Annual Meetings, Dave was First Timers Co-Chair. Dave has also truly enjoyed speaking as a panelist at multiple Regional, Midyear, and Annual Meetings and being a contributing author many times for Newsletters and the *Defense Counsel Journal*.

As a Board Member, he has served as liaison to multiple Committees and Task Forces including: Appellate Practice Committee, Legal Writing Contest, Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee, Amicus Curiae Committee, Transportation Committee, Visibility Project Task Force, Website and Social Media Task Force, Social Justice and Pro Bono Committee, and In House and Law Firm Management Committee.

Dave and his wife, Laurel, have had the privilege of attending numerous IADC events together. In their spare time, Dave and Laurel enjoy spending time with their family: son Max Rosenberg, daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Brad Buerkle, and grandchildren Brody and Brynn Buerkle.

## 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 Molly Craig ([molly.craig@hoodlaw.com](mailto:molly.craig@hoodlaw.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 Nominating 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:

Monday, July 9, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 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:

**Molly Craig, Nominating Committee Chair,**  
[molly.craig@hoodlaw.com](mailto:molly.craig@hoodlaw.com)

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

*Your comments will be treated with complete confidentiality.*



**Join us in Lisbon, Portugal at the 2018 Annual Meeting!** We've got excellent programming planned, fun social events, and time allotted to enjoy the city.

For all event details and to register, please visit the Annual Meeting page on the IADC website.

## President's Message continued...

The IADC has been responsive and flexible in scheduling Regional Meetings around the world in conjunction with other important IADC and bar association events. For example, in September, we held a Regional Meeting in London (thank you Host Anna Cook) in conjunction with the IADC co-sponsoring a program with the British Institute for International and Comparative Law (BIICL). In October, we had a Regional Meeting in Sydney, Australia (thank you Host Ross Drinnan) in conjunction with the International Bar Association conference. From Sydney, the IADC traveled to Hong Kong (thank you Host Chiann Bao) and participated in an outstanding Regional Meeting held in conjunction with the Hong Kong International Arbitration conference. This spring, the IADC held a Regional Meeting in Singapore (thank you Host Maw Shen Foo) following our first co-sponsored Singapore Corporate Counsel Symposium with the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association at the law offices of Duane Morris Selvam LLC (thank you Host May Kim Ho).

The IADC Regional Meetings are truly on fire allowing all of us to grow our professional, business, and personal relationships with IADC members around the world. The ability of the IADC to be innovative and responsive to our growing international membership is best demonstrated by the rapid pace of growth of our Regional Meetings. This pace could not be maintained without the commitment of so many dedicated IADC members.

Board member, Deb Cole, has been instrumental in helping the IADC develop the Regional Meeting platform by drafting best practices to assist Regional Meeting hosts in implementing CLE programming in conjunction with social networking opportunities. I would note that CLE credit is now available for many of our Regional Meetings. Donna Villa, IADC staff member, is responsible for organizing the Regional Meetings and supporting the hosts to insure a successful Regional Meeting. Thank you, Deb and Donna, for helping the Regional Meetings to be successful. Finally, a big thank you to all of our Regional Meeting sponsors who make the Regional Meetings financially possible and to our Regional Meeting Hosts who pull the laboring oar.

## Mark Your Calendars - Invite Your Clients!

### International Corporate Counsel College

4 - 5 October 2018

Parco Dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa ♦ Rome, Italy



The International Corporate Counsel College brings together in-house counsel and their law firm counterparts for two days of education and discussion on the latest legal issues affecting global companies. This distinctive meeting format creates an intimate environment, providing the opportunity for in-house counsel and their trusted advisors to gain knowledge together and spend time with others who face similar issues.

This year's programming will highlight topics such as GDPR, artificial intelligence, anti-bribery investigations, and state-investor disputes: arbitrations v. international courts.

Registration is now open! Program descriptions and tour information will be available soon. Please visit the International Corporate Counsel College page under the "Education & Events" tab on [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org) for the most current conference information.



## Corporate Counsel Training Academy and Corporate Counsel College Recap

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The IADC held its first Corporate Counsel Training Academy on Wednesday, April 25. This Training Academy was a half-day primer designed for those who have been in-house for 0-3 years. The program only allowed a maximum of 25 attendees, creating an intimate classroom setting where attendees could openly interact with the expert panelists. Registrants were invited to attend the Midwest Regional Meeting as well as the Corporate Counsel College, complimentary. Thank you to Deb Cole, Pat Conlon, Fred Paliani, and Trea Southerland for their planning efforts.

The 2018 Corporate Counsel College was held April 26 and 27 in Chicago at The Ritz-Carlton. The College celebrated its 20th anniversary and was at capacity. Attendees enjoyed the intimate and interactive atmosphere and the programming that centered around the theme *Successful Strategies for Navigating Disruptive Times*. The programming featured exceptional panelists and included keynote speakers Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein and Ben Heineman, Jr., former GC at General Electric. Thank you to Corporate Counsel College Dean Tripp Haston and the College Advisory Board and College Coordinators for all of their hard work to put together this excellent conference. Thank you to our sponsors Exponent, RGL Forensics, and Lighthouse for helping make this conference possible. *Save the date for the 2019 Corporate Counsel College! The conference will be held April 11 and 12 at The Ritz-Carlton in Chicago, Illinois.*





## PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

The Professional Liability Roundtable is a half-day program that is unique for the IADC, combining an outstanding educational opportunity with the kind of intimate networking and interaction between industry professionals and outside counsel that only the IADC can provide.



This year's sold out event was held on May 17 at University of Chicago, Gleacher Center. Programs were extremely relevant, touching on the topics of cyber security, diminished capacity of professionals, and artificial intelligence. Attendees enjoyed a networking reception following the programming.

Thank you to Program Chair Cal Watson of Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC and his Planning Committee for their hard work in putting together the program. Additionally, thank you to the moderators and panelists for their expert contributions and to event sponsors Lighthouse, Minnesota Lawyers Mutual, and RGL for their continued support.

## IADC Merchandise Now Available!

The IADC is now selling merchandise! Visit our IADC store for branded items that are available for purchase that will help show your association pride. From t-shirts to luggage tags to mouse pads, we've got lots of options!

[https://www.zazzle.com/iadc\\_store](https://www.zazzle.com/iadc_store)



## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

To learn about some of the key ways you can utilize the benefits of your membership, view our Welcome Membership Packet.

## REGIONAL MEETING RECAPS

### **Latin America Regional Meeting – Lima, Peru – March 21 and 22, 2018**

IADC members and guests from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and the United States enjoyed a successful Latin America Regional Meeting in Lima on March 21 and 22. Attendees enjoyed a reception and dinner on the evening of Wednesday, March 21 and then a mid-day conference on a number of Latin American-focused comparative legal programs and topics on Thursday, March 22 hosted by Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados. A special thanks to our sponsors and speakers for a successful meeting. Thank you to Host Domingo Rivarola Reisz of Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados.

### **Western Regional Meeting – San Francisco, California USA – April 5, 2018**

The Western Regional Meeting was held on April 5 at Gordon & Rees LLP's office. Programming focused on short segments featuring hot topics in California law followed by a lively networking reception. Thank you to Host Dominic Campodonico of Gordon & Rees LLP.

### **Midwest Regional Meeting – Chicago, Illinois USA – April 25, 2018**

The Midwest Regional Meeting was held Wednesday, April 25. Attendees included Corporate Counsel Training Academy attendees and their guests, Corporate Counsel College attendees and their guests, and local members. This was a great opportunity for all attendees and members in the area to connect. Thank you to our corporate sponsor and all of our firm sponsors for making this event possible. Thank you to Host Steven Puiszis of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.



### **Singapore Corporate Counsel Symposium and Asian Regional Meeting Recap - May 10 and 11, 2018**

Members and guests from Belgium, Australia, the United States, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Japan, Korea, and Indonesia enjoyed two days of signature IADC education and fellowship at the IADC's events in Singapore.



On May 10, the IADC and the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA) held the inaugural Singapore Corporate Counsel Symposium at the offices of Rajah & Tann. Attendees enjoyed presentations from attorneys from companies such as Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP, Selvam LLC, the Singapore Law Department of ExxonMobil, and Strelia, as well as a keynote address by Singapore's immediate past Attorney General, V.K. Rajah.

On the evening of May 10, IADC members and SCCA guests enjoyed a reception and dinner at the Penthouse of the Tower Club with beautiful views over Singapore.

On May 11, the IADC held a Regional Meeting for members and guests at the offices of Dentons Rodyk with presentations on a number of topics including regional legal updates by speakers from Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore, as well as third party funding, data privacy, and international arbitration. Finally, a general address was provided by the Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Ms. Delphine Ho.

Special thanks to May Kim Ho of Duane Morris Selvam LLP and Siraj Omar of RPC Premier Law for serving as programming chairs, Chuan Thye Tan of Rajah & Tann and Maw Shen Foo of Dentons Rodyk for serving as Hosts, and Sam Sharpe of Duane Morris Selvam LLP for chairing the reception and dinner.

## **REGIONAL MEETINGS**

The IADC organizes Regional Meetings in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia to provide members and guests the chance to convene for short educational programs and connect with one another a bit closer to home. These popular meetings are free of charge, open to guests, and provide an opportunity to discuss relevant issues with local members of the Association. We hope you will join us at one of our upcoming meetings.

For event and registration details for each of our upcoming Regional Meetings, please visit the Regional Meeting page on the IADC website.

## New Committee Chair Corner Articles

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The IADC has a feature on the homepage of our website - the *Committee Chair Corner*, which is a column written by our different Committee Chairs highlighting their Committee's activities and ways you can get involved.

Click any of the photos below to read the latest published articles.

*If you would like to join any of the IADC Substantive Law Committees, please email Maria Juarez, Registrar, at [mjuarez@iadclaw.org](mailto:mjuarez@iadclaw.org).*



**Bill Ruskin**  
*Toxic and Hazardous  
Substances Litigation*



**Cal Watson**  
*Professional Liability*



**Mark Hansen**  
*Medical Defense and  
Health Law*



**Alex Hagan**  
*Intellectual Property*



**Todd Lowther**  
*Alternative Dispute  
Resolution*

### In Memoriam

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

**John Storer**  
Scottsdale, Arizona USA



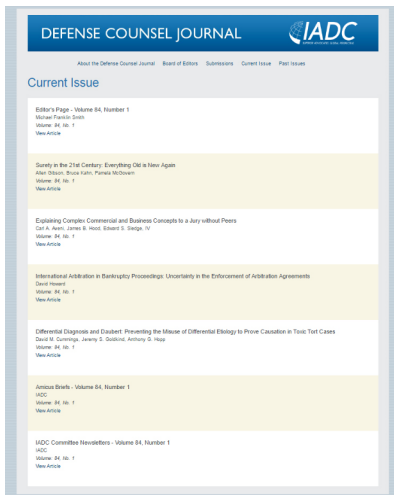
## New Defense Counsel Journal Issue

The *Defense Counsel Journal* is offered in an online format that is easy to access and is searchable online. You can view and read the *Journal* anytime, free of charge, without needing a login or password on its new home on the IADC website.

You can find the *Defense Counsel Journal* under the "Publications & News" section of the IADC website.

The *Journal* has the same high caliber of legal analysis in a new online format that makes it searchable and its resources and references more easily reachable.

**Volume 85, Number 2 is now online! You can access the contents of the entire issue by clicking here.**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Ben Aram**  
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Flores Rueda Abogados  
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## **IADC RESOURCES**

*Here are the latest IADC resources since the last issue of the Docket:*

### **WEBINARS**

- Sex Harassment: The Cause of Action, Investigation, and Confidential Settlement: April 4 (Presentation and Recording)
- Darned If You Do? Navigating Conflicts between International Data Protection Laws and US Discovery: April 11 (Presentation and Recording)
- Measuring the Value of Medical Services in Personal Injury Suits: May 9 (Presentation and Recording)
- WRAP Policies - Navigating Ethical Issues on Your Own Construction Files: May 23 (Presentation and Recording)
- Moving Diversity and Inclusion Forward: A Conversation with Dorothy Quann, Linc Rogers, and Lenore MacAdam: June 5 (Presentation and Recording)

### **COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS**

From March 15 to May 30, IADC Committees published 16 newsletters. The following Committees published newsletters during this time: Business Litigation; Construction Law and Litigation; Corporate Counsel; Employment Law; Medical Defense and Health Law; Product Liability; Professional Liability; Trial Techniques and Tactics; and Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation. To view the newsletters, please click on the Committee to go to its Committee Business page where the newsletters are archived. If you would like to join a Substantive Law Committee, please email Maria Juarez, Registrar, at [mjuarez@iadclaw.org](mailto:mjuarez@iadclaw.org).

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## IADC SUCCESSES

IADC Past President Tripp Haston, a partner at Bradley LLP, was invited to address the Yale US-China Forum at the Yale School of Management in April.

Members John Olah of Beard Winter LLP, Peter Pliszka of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, and Bob Love of Borden Ladner Gervais successfully represented a ski hill owner and investors in the Ontario Court of Appeals.

Paul Lefebvre, a partner at Hanotiau & van den Berg, has been named one of the Leading Best Arbitrators of Belgium in *The Leaders League Intelligence Report & Directory Series 2017-2018*.

Andrew Chamberlin and Alex Hagan, of Ellis & Winters LLP, obtained a protective order on behalf of their French client.

Andrew Chamberlin, Bobby Hood, Jr. of Hood Law Firm, and Mary M. Dillon of Ellis & Winters LLP obtained a summary judgment in a wrongful death product liability and successor liability case in federal court in North Carolina.

Evan Stephenson, a partner at Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP, won a complete victory on appeal in the Tenth Circuit for Auto-Owners Insurance Company.

Mica Nguyen Worthy, a partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, obtained a favorable result for a South Korean client in an international dispute. She also obtained defense results in two North Carolina cases for no settlement payments: a voluntary dismissal with prejudice and a summary judgment affirmed on appeal.

Mary Anne Mellow was honored with a Litigation Practitioner Award at the 20th annual Women's Justice Awards in St. Louis.

Dixie Wells of Ellis & Winters LLP obtained a summary judgment in a Title IX case in federal court in North Carolina.

Matt Wojcik, of Bullivant Houser Bailey in Seattle, obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a podiatric surgeon in a medical malpractice case.

Deirdre McGlinchey, a member at McGlinchey Stafford, has been named Honorary Consul for the Netherlands in New Orleans.

Chris Lam, a partner at Bradley LLP, was named managing partner of the firm's Charlotte office. Chris was also installed as president-elect of the Mecklenburg County Bar for 2018-2019.

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Molly Craig of Hood Law Firm and Todd Smyth of Smyth Whitley worked together to obtain a defense verdict in a South Carolina medical malpractice case.

Kendall Harrison and a team of attorneys from Godfrey & Kahn and Mayer Brown obtained a \$14.5 million jury award on behalf of their client in a patent infringement case.

Numerous IADC members were ranked in Chambers USA:

- Jon Berkelhammer (Ellis & Winters LLP): Band 4, Litigation: General Commercial
- Sharla Frost (Tucker Ellis LLP): Band 5, Product Liability & Mass Torts (Nationwide), Spotlight Table, Product Liability: Toxic Torts (Nationwide)
- Alex Hagan (Ellis & Winters LLP): Band 1, Litigation: Healthcare and Medical Malpractice
- Walter Judge (Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC): General Commercial Litigation
- Sherry Knutson (Tucker Ellis LLP): Band 5, Product Liability & Mass Torts (Nationwide)
- Craig Thompson: (Venable LLP): USA - Nationwide for Product Liability & Mass Torts
- Dixie Wells (Ellis & Winters LLP): Band 4, Litigation: General Commercial

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## Submit Your Photos and Memories for the IADC's Centennial Celebration in 2020!



In 2020, the IADC will celebrate 100 years as a professional organization that provides education and business development and helps foster friendships for elite civil defense lawyers and insurance executives from around the world. The IADC Centennial Committee is working on a commemorative book and special activities to celebrate the IADC's robust history and its exciting future. We want all IADC members and families to be a part of the activities. We will post more as 2020 draws closer, but for now, please help us by sharing your memories and photos of the IADC.

Visit the Centennial Celebration page on the IADC website to submit a memory or photo or to view the gallery of submissions.

## Upcoming Events

July 7 - 12, 2018

**Annual Meeting**

*EPIC SANA Lisboa*

*Lisbon, Portugal*

July 28 - August 3, 2018

**46th Annual Trial Academy**

*Stanford Law School*

*Palo Alto, California USA*

October 4 - 5, 2018

**International Corporate**

**Counsel College**

*Parco dei Principi Grand*

*Hotel & Spa*

*Rome, Italy*

February 23 - 28, 2019

**Midyear Meeting**

*The Ritz-Carlton Bacara*

*Santa Barbara, California USA*

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## IADC IN THE NEWS

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Construction Law Recognizes That Time is Money by Robert Kaler (*Modern Contractor Solutions*, March 26, 2018)

Strategic Perspectives: Hacked: A new kind of heart attack featuring comments from Melissa Ventrone (*Wolters Kluwer*, March 2018)

Big Law Embraces Litigation Finance featuring comments from Mark Behrens (*Big Law Business*, March 2018)

Why the customer can't always be right in product liability litigation by Scott Wilkov (*Thomson Reuters Westlaw*, March 2018)

Recovering Delay Damages Despite Timely Completion by Chris Drewry (*Modern Contractor Solutions*, April 13, 2018)

Emerging insurance coverage issues involving opioid litigation by Michael A. Hamilton (*Thomson Reuters Westlaw*, April 13, 2018)

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