



A few shots from some of our recent Foundation Cooking and Conversation classes!

The IADC has adapted to bring you virtual value and connection in as many ways as possible, and you've actively participated and engaged.

Thank you for your commitment and involvement during our one hundredth year.



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As you plan your end-of-year giving, please consider making a donation to the IADC Foundation.

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President's Message

While much has changed in 2020, delivering value is still mission critical for the IADC.

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank you for your membership in the Association. This year has truly shown us that the IADC connection is resilient, largely due to your continued participation and engagement with the virtual benefits and opportunities we have offered.



We implemented a variety of changes this year, one of which was the expansion of the Think IADC First initiative. We report referrals within the organization in our weekly publications. These "Think IADC First Referral Successes," which anonymize the referring attorney and the receiving attorney but describe the nature of the referral, are strong evidence of the value of IADC membership. We also have started featuring member spotlights, which any member can submit, to give you visibility, build your network, and increase your opportunity for referrals. We have also worked to create many opportunities for people to get to know each other, since relationships breed referrals. Our virtual Regional Meetings and social events such as the Foundation Cooking and Conversations have been great occasions for people to introduce themselves and what they do. We even had a referral right in the Zoom chat during one event!

I encourage you to do all you can to get the most out of your membership in order to build relationships and expand your professional network.

For more information on the Think IADC First program and for some Think IADC First Referral Successes from the past year, please visit the Think IADC First page on the IADC website. If you have a referral success to share, email Ashley Hatfield, Director of Communications, at ahatfield@iadclaw.org.

Best,
Andrew Chamberlin
IADC President

2021 Midyear Meeting - Going Virtual

The IADC Midyear Meeting will now be on your computer, and it will be all virtual from February 14 to 19.

We will be providing CLE, networking, and social opportunities through an upgraded virtual meeting platform. While usually our major meetings are limited to the certain percentage of members who can attend in person, the Virtual Midyear Meeting and its benefits will be accessible to all members. The meeting will include:

- Major CLE Sessions and Committee CLE Sessions that will be either offered on-demand or shown live. That means you will have access to more than 20 hours of interesting and informative CLE that you can watch **ON YOUR OWN SCHEDULE**. CLE will be available to view both during and after our official meeting dates.
- Social and business development activities set in a variety of time zones so all members have a chance to interact with other IADC members. Many events and activities will incorporate the flavor of Miami and its surrounding area.
- Special activities for newer members. You don't need to delay getting involved in the Association just because we aren't meeting in-person right now.

For more information and updates, please visit the 2021 Midyear Meeting event page on the IADC website. Registration will open in early January.

The Empowerment Collaborative

The IADC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee launched its new initiative, The Empowerment Collective (TEC), in December during its December 15 active ally program, *How to Be an Active Ally to Women*.

The TEC's goal is to further enhance equity in the legal profession by enhancing the development of skills, professionalism, and camaraderie of IADC's women and help facilitate their continued personal and professional success inside and outside the IADC. The TEC will sponsor targeted programming, networking events, and collaborations with male IADC members. If you want to get involved in the TEC, please contact Heidi Friedman, Vice Chair of The Empowerment Collaborative.

For Diversity, Equity and Inclusion resources, [click here](#).

Member Spotlight

The IADC's Member Spotlight program is designed to introduce and focus attention on members. Fill out the brief Member Spotlight Form to be featured next!

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



STAN BALL
COMPANY/FIRM NAME
Eaton Corporation
COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
Cleveland, Ohio
TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Litigation
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
Business Litigation/Corporate Counsel/Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committees
BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
Successful leadership in law is all about people management and development. It doesn't matter if you're a superstar. You need to be able to identify, develop, and lead superstars.
YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
You will never know how competitive you are until you own a Peloton. It's the best and worst thing I purchased this year. I love the workouts but I'm way too competitive to just enjoy them without looking at everyone else's rankings.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



SHARON CAFFREY
COMPANY/FIRM NAME
Duane Morris LLP
COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Products Liability
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
Communications Vice Chair for Products Liability Committee
BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
When talking to a jury, always treat them like you are talking to your neighbors - be warm and friendly but not familiar. Make eye contact and never oversell your client's case.
YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
I was a swimmer in high school and college, gravitated to triathlons until my youngest became active in sports and now I enjoy running, skiing, cycling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing to stay in shape. My happy place is in Lake Placid, NY where we have a vacation home.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



NATHAN COLE
COMPANY/FIRM NAME
Kenney & Sams, P.C.
COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
Boston, Massachusetts
TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Complex Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation, Insurance Professionals E&O
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
Program Chair, Construction Law Committee
BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
Don't bury the lede. I make sure that when I'm counseling a client, whether in person, virtually, or in writing, I start by stating exactly what I am recommending and answering the client's question. Once the client understands what I am advising her to do, I explain and walk her through the risks. I avoid equivocating but instead lay out my recommended strategy, taking into account legal, pragmatic, and business realities. This helps the client see me as a trusted partner, not a vendor.
YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
During my high school and college summers, I was the captain on a whale watch and tour boats out of Plymouth, MA. I provided the narration to over 400 passengers each day. Next time you see me at an IADC event, ask me for some fun facts about the Mayflower and Plymouth Rock.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



CECILIA FLORES RUEDA
COMPANY/FIRM NAME
FloresRueda Abogados
COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
Mexico/Canada
TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Civil, commercial, family, administrative, construction.
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
Vice Chair of Membership - Latin America for International Arbitration Committee
BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
Play the devil's advocate to check our strategies.
YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
I enjoy tourism. I love getting to know different places, cultures, food, people. I also really enjoy wine tasting.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



STU GOLDBERG
COMPANY/FIRM NAME
Eastman & Smith Ltd
COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
Ohio
TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Civil Litigation
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
Member of the Product Liability and Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committees
BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
What I remember most came at an Irving Younger seminar I attended in 1986 or 1987, and a set of his tapes that I inherited from my Dad who was also a trial lawyer. The word "tapes" tells you the advice came long ago, but it is still relevant. Younger spoke voir dire, opening, closing, direct and cross, trial notebooks and laying out a plan for introducing each item of evidence and/or blocking the opponent where appropriate. The first step in trial prep should be writing closing (which can be modified).
YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
My wife I have been on two cruises, one to the Caribbean and one to the Mediterranean - the former as President of the Toledo Bar Association and the latter by entering an online Delta (Airlines) Cruises sweepstakes in which I won the grand prize. I like to make people smile, and my outlets for that have been playing guitar and singing for anyone who will listen; clowning in Toledo's holiday parade and performing magic as a teen and pre-teen and on rare occasion in the parade or for special programs.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



CECILIA LAHAYE
COMPANY/FIRM NAME
Bird & Bird LLP (Belgium)
COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
Brussels, Belgium
TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Employment Law
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
Member of Membership Executive Committee, Membership Committee, Retention Committee
BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.
YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
As an international member and a native Dutch speaker, I am often asked at IADC meetings: "where did you learn to speak English?" It all started with watching American movies on Saturday afternoon at my grandparents who were the proud owners of a colour tv. "Singin' in the Rain" was and always will be my all time favorite (RIP Gene Kelly!) - although I was a bit of a state. I was quite figured out why "Moses suppresses his toises are roses but Moses suppresses erroneously" ...

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



DOUG PALANDECH

COMPANY/FIRM NAME
Foran Glennon

COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
Chicago, Illinois

TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Construction Law

CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
N/A

BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
Know your case. Everything else is window dressing.

YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
I am active in the Eastern Orthodox Church community and am a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



FRANCISCO G. PROL

COMPANY/FIRM NAME
Prol y Asociados

COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
Madrid, Spain


TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Arbitration in different areas (financial and banking, construction, energy, commercial)

CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
Vice Chair of International for Business Litigation Committee

BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
To read the papers not once but three times.

YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
I enjoy books, classical music, and travels.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



WILLIAM S. "BILL" THOMAS

COMPANY/FIRM NAME
Gausnell, O'Keefe & Thomas, LLC

COMPANY/FIRM LOCATION
St. Louis, Missouri

TYPE OF LAW YOU PRACTICE MOST
Construction Law

CURRENT INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH IADC
Construction Law Committee

BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED AS A LAWYER
My earliest mentor was a paragon of the defense bar in St. Louis. He did not really "give advice," but led by example. He did tell me one time to make sure that I "talked loud." Other than that, he personified integrity in the practice of law, and that, to me, is the best advice anyone can give or receive. Have integrity in everything you do. You cannot just do it when you get in front of a jury, opposing lawyers, or judges unless you have made it a fundamental building block of your career.

YOU MAY NOT KNOW...
I love running, and was inspired by my law partner to get more involved in the sport. We ran a half marathon together, and I was hooked. I had been training for my first marathon this spring, but it was cancelled one week before the race, like a lot of other events, because of COVID. I love travel, particularly to Colorado or Canada, enjoy music and seeing concerts, love hiking and the outdoors, and keep very busy with home improvement projects and my family.

Think IADC First

Think IADC First is a program designed to encourage our members to consider fellow members when the opportunity arises to refer business. These successful referrals are strong evidence of the value of IADC membership. We are sharing these successes on our social media platforms. If you have a referral success to share, email ahatfield@iadclaw.org.

To learn more about the Think IADC First program, click [here](#).



REFERRAL SUCCESSSES

Member Peter Pizzi referred a Canadian company that sells nuts to member Robert Smith.

The company sold 2,100 pounds of pistachios to a customer in Houston that failed to pay for them. Robert sent a notice letter with no response, so he filed suit, at which time the debtor signed a 6-month payment plan for the entire debt.

If you want a ton of nuts, you have to pay for a ton of nuts!



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what you may have missed

Committee Newsletters

Over-Naming in Ohio Asbestos Litigation: A Legislative Solution is Needed

By: Laura Kingsley Hong and Mary Margaret Gay

Civil Justice Response Committee and Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee

Illinois Appellate Court Dismisses Battery Claim Arising From Use of New Medical Device

By: Mark D. Hansen and Emily J. Perkins

Medical Defense and Health Law Committee

The "Jerk and Jolt" Defense: Relief from a Bumpy Road

By: Floyd G. Cottrell

Transportation Committee

Pentagon Faces Quandary in Adequately Addressing PFAS-Contaminated Water Resources at Hundreds of Bases and Surrounding Communities

By: Jeffrey M. Karp and Edward Mahaffey

Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee

What Information from an NTSB Report is Admissible Evidence in Court?

By: Susan Hofer and Mica Worthy

Transportation Committee

Anxiety to Develop a Disease in the Future: A New Toxic Tort Trend

By: Sylvie Gallage-Alwis and Deborah Azerraf

Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee

Is Your Construction Project Snakebit? - How to Tell and How to Respond

By: William S. Thomas

Construction Law and Litigation Committee

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Committee Newsletters

Industry Under Attack Scores Important Win in California Supreme Court

By: Constance A. Endelicato

Medical Defense and Health Law Committee

Vermont Court Rules That Commercial Landlord Cannot be Liable for Injury to Retail Tenant’s Invitee Involving Tenant’s Operations on Premises

By: Walter Judge

Business Litigation Committee

Thinking Ahead: Dispute Resolution After the Corona Crisis

By: Professor Dr. Jörg Risse and Professor Dr. Antje Baumann

International Arbitration Committee

Is the Role of Independent Contractors Being Extinguished?

By: Heather C. Devine

Transportation Committee

Vermont Supreme Court Holds That “Combined Single Limit” and “Limits of Liability” Provisions in UIM Policy Cap Auto Insurer’s Total UIM Payout, Despite Multiple UIM Claimants

By: Walter Judge

Insurance and Reinsurance Committee

The Flint Water Crisis – Is \$600 Million Enough?

By: Stephanie A. Fox

Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee

Opioid Litigation and Future of Bellwether Litigation

By: Scott K.G. Kozak and Khristopher Johnson-DeLoatch

Medical Defense and Health Law Committee

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Webinars

Litigation Immunity for Social Media Platforms in the US and Beyond

Presented by - Amicus Curiae Committee and Cyber Security, Data Privacy and Technology Committee

Moderator: Peter J. Pizzi, Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP

Presenters: Daphne Keller, Stanford Law School - Stanford Cyber Policy Center and David McCraw, The New York Times

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Update on Immigration Law for Pro Bono Practitioners

Presented by - Social Justice Pro Bono Committee

Presenters: Robert Redmond, McGuireWoods LLP and Lynn Semptimphelter Kopon, Kopon Airdo, LLC

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Sales Reps Beware: Expanding Theories of Liability in Drug and Device Cases

Presented by - Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee, Product Liability Committee, and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

Presenters: Meera Sossaman, Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC and Sean Kennedy, Bristol Myers Squibb

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Wearable Tech: A Wellness Tool for Consumers...but a Liability Minefield for Manufacturers?

Presented by - Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee, Product Liability Committee, and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

Moderator: Whitney Frazier Watt, Stites & Harbison, PLLC

Presenters: Jarod G. Goff, Garmin International and Richard J. Underwood, Exponent

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Webinars

Counsel's Role in Business Crises: Anticipate, Avoid, and Learn from Catastrophes

Presented by - Class Actions and Multi-Party Litigation Committee, Corporate Counsel Committee, Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee, and Product Liability Committee

Moderator: Kaitlyn E. Stone, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Presenters: Sneha Desai, BASF Corporation; Ashley Garry, Protara Therapeutics; Joan T. Pinaire, Realogy Holdings Corp.; Michael C. Zogby, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

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Supplemental Materials | Supplemental Materials | Supplemental Materials

Moving a Case from the Trial Court to Arbitration in the Era of COVID-19

Presented by - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Business Litigation Committee, In-House and Law Firm Management Committee, and International Arbitration Committee

Moderator: Michael A. Airdo, Kopon Airdo, LLC

Presenters: James M. Campbell, Campbell Conroy & O'Neil; Judge Faith Hochberg, FCIARB; Connie Matteo, Pfizer Inc.; Dixie T. Wells, Ellis & Winters LLP

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Are Your Machines Healthy?: Cybersecurity Risk in Medical Devices

This presentation was originally planned to be presented at the 2020 Medical Liability Roundtable.

Moderator: Douglas Vaughn, Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP

Presenters: Lauren Hulbert, Medmarc Insurance Group; Robert G. Smith, Lorange & Thompson, P.C.; Sharon Donaldson Stuart, Christian & Small LLP

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what you may have missed

Webinars

Employee Mobility, Non-Competes, and NDAs: Protecting Trade Secrets and Customer Relationships in the Pandemic Era

Presented by - Amicus Curiae Committee, Cyber Security, Data Privacy and Technology Committee, and Employment Law Committee

Moderator: Peter J. Pizzi, Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP

Presenters: Russell Beck, Beck Reed Riden LLP and John T. "J.T." Wilson III, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP

PDF of Presentation | Webinar Recording

To Zoom or Not to Zoom? Virtual Trials and Litigation in a COVID Environment

Presented by - Business Litigation Committee, Cyber Security, Data Privacy and Technology Committee, Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee, Product Liability Committee, Professional Liability Committee, Toxic and Hazardous Substances Committee, and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

Moderator: Lee Mickus, Evans Fears & Schuttert LLP

Presenters: Ricky Raven, Reed Smith LLP; Thomas Vanderford, Hyundai Motor America; Richard H. Willis, Bowman & Brooke LLP

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By Andrew S. Chamberlin

Editor's Page
By Christopher B. Parkerson

American Law Institute Proposes Controversial Medical Monitoring Rule in Final Part of Torts Restatement
By Mark A. Behrens and Christopher E. Appel

[Online Article](#) | [PDF to Print](#)

GDPR in United States Litigation Through Summer 2020: GDPR-Subject Companies Must Produce
By Michael H. Gladstone

[Online Article](#) | [PDF to Print](#)

Advanced Topics in Written Civil Discovery
By Robert F. Redmond, Jr.

[Online Article](#) | [PDF to Print](#)

Podcast: IADC Speaks

Defense Counsel Journal Highlight: Proposed Medical Monitoring Rule Allows for Recovery in Absence of Bodily Harm

Christopher B. Parkerson (Campbell, Conroy & O'Neil, P.C.) and Mark Behrens (Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP) discuss the Proposed Medical Monitoring Rule in the Restatement (Third) of Torts and how it could significantly impact case law on recoverable damages. This discussion focuses on Mark's recent *Journal* article.



Play the episode on the IADC website

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Amicus Curiae Briefs

Win on Discovery Proportionality: *Suryani v. Watermark Harvard Square AL LLC* (10/2/2020)

On Friday, October 2, 2020, the Supreme Court of Colorado overturned a trial court order which compelled a long-term care provider to produce medical records of patients other than those of the deceased resident whose heirs had filed the personal injury/malpractice lawsuit. The IADC submitted an amicus brief arguing that the trial court's order failed to perform the required analysis of the proportionality of the discovery sought, as required by the recently amended Colorado's Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(1). The CO Supreme Court reversed and remanded with direction to the trial judge to "make specific findings regarding" the 26(b)(1) proportionality factors.

This ruling is important because it was the first time the Court had addressed the 2015 amendments to Rule 26 of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure which made changes regarding proportionality along the lines of the 2015 FRCP amendments and required courts to analyze proportionality as a threshold issue. We would like to thank Craig May and Meghan Berglind of Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP who worked with us on the brief for their excellent job. The case is *Suryani v. Watermark Harvard Square AL LLC*, Supreme Court Case No: 2020SA234.

To read the amicus brief filed, [click here](#).

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Amicus Curiae Briefs

Filing on FLSA Abuse: *Scott v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.* (10/1/2020)

On Thursday, October 1, 2020, IADC and DRI submitted a joint amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court seeking review of the Second Circuit's expansive FLSA ruling in *Scott v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.*, 954 F.3d 502 (2d Cir. 2020). The Second Circuit had relaxed the standard for a collective action under the FLSA, holding that plaintiffs are "similarly situated" and may proceed collectively "to the extent they share a similar issue of law or fact material to the disposition of their FLSA claims." *Id.* at 516. Other circuits apply a more rigorous analysis for collective actions. The lack of a uniform standard across the circuits for what makes plaintiffs "similarly situated" under FLSA has led to forum shopping and other ills which burden employers and the courts. Petitioners ask the Court to accept certiorari in order to arrive at a uniform standard consistent with the FLSA's goals.

To read the amicus brief filed, [click here](#).

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources Page

To view the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources page, which has resources added regularly, visit the Resource section of the IADC website. You will also be able to find approved recordings from our ongoing Active Ally Diversity, Equity and Inclusion discussion series on this resource page.

Strategic Partnerships - CPR

Our strategic partner International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution has many upcoming virtual events. To view their offerings, [click here](#).

Welcome |

new members of the IADC

Andrew S. Harris Jones Walker LLP Jackson, Mississippi United States	Evans Martin "Marty" McLeod Phelps Dunbar LLP New Orleans, Louisiana United States	David Orensten Cardinal Health Dublin, Ohio United States
Naoki S. Kaneko Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. Irvine, California United States	Gregory C. Ulmer BakerHostetler Houston, Texas United States	Cavender C. "Chris" Kimble Balch & Bingham LLP Birmingham, Alabama United States
Kristie Wetterer Phillips Farm Credit Mid-America Louisville, Kentucky United States	Darah L. Eckert Brown Sims, P.C. Houston, Texas United States	Jack White FH+H Tysons, Virginia United States
Melissa Wojtylak PCI Pharma Services Philadelphia, Pennsylvania United States	Elizabeth Baksh Dorsey & Whitney LLP New York, New York United States	Melissa Fried Spence Nexsen Pruet, LLC Charleston, South Carolina United States
Tom W. Murrey Federal Express Corporation Memphis, Tennessee United States	Lauren E. H. DiFrancesco Stoel Rives LLP Salt Lake City, Utah United States	Amanda G. Orcutt Mitchell Williams Law Firm Little Rock, Arkansas United States
	Maureen Angela Mahoney Hackensack Meridian Health Edison, New Jersey United States	Kevin E. Clark Lightfoot, Franklin & White, L.L.C. Birmingham, Alabama United States

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new members of the IADC

Stanley C. Ball Eaton Cleveland, Ohio United States	Christopher D. Morris Butler Snow LLP Ridgeland, Mississippi United States	Rick Hammond Walmart Inc. Bentonville, Arkansas United States
Paul S. Rosenblatt Butler Snow LLP Ridgeland, Mississippi United States	Karen L. Weslowski Miller Thomson LLP Vancouver, British Columbia Canada	Brice White Tyson Food Springdale, Arkansas United States
Michael F. Walker Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP Birmingham, Alabama United States	Cliff Merrell Greenberg Traurig, LLP Atlanta, Georgia United States	Merielle Enriquez Banks Diamond Resorts Las Vegas, Nevada United States
James A. McCullough, II Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC Jackson, Mississippi United States	Roger Guilian Volkert, Inc. Mobile, Alabama United States	
Scott Barabash Aspen Insurance San Francisco, California United States	Justine Daniels O'Melveny & Myers LLP Los Angeles, California United States	
Kristen D. Perkins Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP Fort Lauderdale, Florida United States	Kyle E. Bjornlund Cetrulo LLP Boston, Massachusetts United States	

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Upcoming Events |

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Below is a list of upcoming Association events that will take place in the next few months. For up-to-date information on all upcoming events, please visit the events calendar on the IADC website at www.iadclaw.org/events/.

January 12, 2021

Midwest Virtual Regional Meeting - Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota
Details and Registration

January 13, 2021

Preserving the Appellate Record at Trial: Balancing Trial Advocacy and Strategy with Preserving the Appellate Record (Webinar)
Details and Registration

January 20, 2021

Legal Challenges Regarding Event Data Recorder Evidence (Webinar)
Details and Registration

January 26, 2021

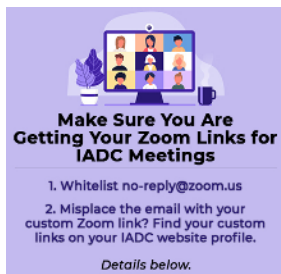
Southwest Virtual Regional Meeting - Albuquerque, New Mexico
Details and Registration

February 14 - 19, 2021

2021 Midyear Meeting
Details -- *Registration coming early January*

April 15 - 16, 2021

2021 Corporate Counsel College
Details



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enlarge for tips on
receiving your Zoom
meeting links.*

IADC Successes |

your accolades, courtroom wins, and pro bono accomplishments

Heather Heiskell Jones of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC, authored an article for *HarrisMartin's* COVID-19 and MCL and Class Action Reports publication on behalf of the IADC.

Kirk Warner, a partner at Smith Anderson, authored and published his book *Zone of Action: A JAG's Journey Inside Operations Cobra II and Iraqi Freedom*.

Jack Henning, a partner at Dillingham & Murphy in San Francisco, was granted summary judgment in a motor vehicle accident case.

Kathy Maus, a partner at Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP, received summary judgment for GuideOne Elite Insurance Company.

Jim King, a partner at Porter Wright, was inducted into the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers during the College's 2020 Annual Meeting.

Joseph M. Goldberg was accepted by CPR as a Distinguished Neutral on its Insurance Panel and its Insurance-Policy Holder Coverage Panel.

Karsten Fehn, of Fehn | Legal, was named to *Corporate Vision Magazine's* 2020 Corporate Excellence Awards list and was honored as "2020's Leading Criminal Law Expert - Germany."

Christopher Scott D'Angelo, a partner at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP, authored an article on behalf of the IADC for *Modern Contractor Solutions'* October 2020 issue.

To submit an accolade, courtroom win, or pro bono accomplishment, email Ashley Hatfield, Director of Communications, at ahatfield@iadclaw.org.

IADC Successes |

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Chris Kenney, a partner at Kenney & Sams, P.C., successfully defended Helen Brady, a Republican congressional candidate, at trial and on appeal against a political challenge to her ballot access for the primary election.

Johner "J.T." Wilson III, a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was interviewed by *Crain's Chicago Business* for an article on actively implementing diversity and inclusion in a business environment.

Members Angela Beranek Brandt, Nancy Erfle, and Mike Brooks obtained a defense verdict in a case involving the 3M 8710 respirator after a three week in-person trial.

Joyce Edelman, a partner at Porter Wright, was named as one of *Corporate Counsel's* National Women, Influence & Power awardees.

David Landever joined Tucker Ellis LLP as a partner in its Mass Tort & Product Liability practice.

Connie Lewis Lensing, counsel at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, was named the 2020 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Memphis Chapter.

Greg Williams of Clayton Utz authored an article on common fund orders in Australian class actions for *Lawyers Weekly*.

William S. Thomas, co-founder and principal at Gausnell, O'Keefe & Thomas, LLC, authored an article on preventing lawsuits for *Construction Executive* on behalf of the IADC.

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Alex J. Hagan and Andrew S. Chamberlin, partners at Ellis & Winters LLP, obtained a pleadings-stage dismissal of an eight-figure commercial claim in Nevada.

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Whitney Frazier Watt, a member of Stites & Harbison PLLC, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Governor's Scholars Program.

Karen Karabinos and Eric Mull, partners at Drew Eckl & Farnham, authored an article for *Carrier Management* on how to avoid bad faith claims in COVID first-party property lawsuits.

Larry D. Smith, counsel for Rumburger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A., discussed diversity and professionalism with The Florida Bar.

Jack White, a partner at FH+H, was appointed as an expert to serve on a panel to review the cultural climate at the Fort Hood Army base.

Mark R. Beebe, a partner at Adams and Reese LLP, secured a complete defense verdict for Region's Bank in a judge tried matter in Louisiana state court.

Johner "J.T." Wilson III, a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was named to *Crain's Chicago Business* "2020 Notable Minority Executives in Accounting, Consulting & Law" list.

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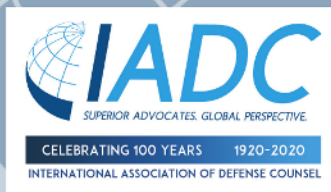
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