The 2020 Midyear Meeting, held at The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach, California last month, was a huge success with extremely relevant CLE offerings and lots of great social and networking activities. Thank you to the Planning Team, CLE Steering Committee, and our sponsors SEA, Ltd., Exponent, MRC, Berkeley Research Group, LLC, Lighthouse eDiscovery, and Baker Tilly for all of their work and support. Scroll through the photo gallery above for a peek into the meeting.

Regional Meeting Recaps

Asian Regional Meeting – September 26, 2019 – Seoul, Korea
The Asian Regional Meeting was a breakfast held during the IBA meeting. Members enjoyed catching up and promised to meet again in Pebble Beach and especially in Chicago for the Centennial event. Thank you to our sponsors and our Host Tony Kang.

São Paulo/Miami Regional Meeting – September 27, 2019 – São Paulo, Brazil and Miami, Florida USA
The IADC held its first dual-location Regional Meeting. Participants were welcomed in São Paulo and Miami to attend international ADR panels, both in their location and live-streamed from the other city! Thank you to our sponsors and our Meeting Hosts Baraldi Mariani Advogados, Inglez Werneck Ramos Cury Francolin Advogados, and Clarke Silverglate, P.A. for making this meeting a success.

READ MORE REGIONAL MEETING RECAPS
President's Message

During the Midyear Meeting Opening Session, I introduced some exciting changes and updates in the ways we communicate with you and provide member benefits.

The IADC Board has invested significant resources in upgrading and replacing technologies we utilize to connect with you, and connect you with one another. The IADC staff has been invaluable in bringing this vision together.

We have given our website a complete overhaul, replaced the outdated listserves with a new Communities platform, and replaced both the IADC and IADC meeting mobi websites with one "365" IADC Law app.

Website (www.iadclaw.org)

The goal of the refresh was to improve and optimize the member user experience. The new site has all the same great content from the original site but it has been organized with your ease of use in mind. The most used information, like event details, DCJ articles, and membership requirements are publicly accessible and easy to find. The website is also responsively designed, making it easy to use from any device.

IADC Law "365" Mobile App (search "IADC Law" in your app store or click here from your mobile device to download)

The brand-new mobile app gives you "365" access to the IADC, with quick links to our most popular content. You can use the app with or without logging in - that means spouses/guests/families/children can download the app and use it for meetings-related information. Members who log in (with your IADC website login credentials) get the full app experience and gain access to members only information. Event information is invaluable onsite at a meeting. (I used it the entire time while at the Midyear Meeting and loved it!) You can view the meeting schedule, create a personalized CLE schedule that you can save to your calendar, view meeting room map, attendee list, dining recommendations, and much more.

Communities (www.communities.iadclaw.org or access it from the IADC website or IADC Law app)

This forum platform completely replaces and upgrades listserves and Committee pages. It will allow you to collaborate and engage more easily with other members. Every Committee has its own Community - if you are a member of a Committee you are automatically part of the online Community. You have access to forums, announcements, resources, Committee leadership, and Committee lists. This will be great for cohesive communication amongst your Committee members.

I hope you download, log on, and access these new and improved member benefits. If you have feedback or questions, please email our Director of Communications, Ashley Hatfield, at ahatfield@iadclaw.org.
IADC Meetings and the Coronavirus

We have been educating ourselves on the coronavirus (COVID-19) and learning how to respond and plan in the best interests of our meeting attendees and those planning the excellent content and speaking at our events. We are monitoring closely any health advice and requirements as outlined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and our local government health departments.

With regard to our Regional Meetings, if there is a government requirement to cancel we will do so. Absent that instruction, we are deferring to the hosts planning the meetings as to whether they wish to proceed based on the current local environment. Our hosts in Singapore and Dublin have determined it would be best to postpone at this time, so we will work with them to reschedule at a later date. At present, all other Regional Meetings are continuing as planned. If there is a change or cancellation, we will notify members through emails, our website, and social media.

With regard to our larger meetings, we will approach each based on location and government health recommendations and continuously evaluate for any changes. Our goal is to be thoughtful and deliberate and ensure we keep every opportunity open to have these wonderful meetings while doing what is safe and right for the membership, meeting attendees and general public.

For the Corporate Counsel College, which is April 16-17 in Chicago, we are proceeding as planned. Registrations continue to come in, and there are no travel or large group meeting warnings at this time for the area. We are looking forward to a very strong program put together by the Dean, John T. Lay, Jr., and his entire advisory board.

That said, we do know that a few companies have issued restrictions on non-essential travel, and some attendees might not be allowed to travel or feel comfortable traveling at this time. Because of these unique circumstances, the IADC is relaxing its cancellation policy for the Corporate Counsel College. If you need to cancel your registration anytime between now and the meeting, you only need to email the IADC (email Mary Beth Kurzak (mkurzak@iadclaw.org) and Maria Juarez (mjuarez@iadclaw.org)) and let us know you need to cancel, and you can choose whether to get a full refund or have the full amount in a future meeting credit for any IADC meeting in the next year. We are waiving the $150 cancellation fee. If you are an outside counsel and your in-house client needs to cancel, you can still come to the College, and we will refund or give you a future meeting credit for the in-house client portion of your registration.

As noted above, if there should be any change to the status of the meeting, we will let attendees and the members know by email, our website, and social media. We also will be monitoring our other meetings that are in May, June, and July and will continue to keep you informed if there are changes or cancellations.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mary Beth Kurzak, Executive Director, at mkurzak@iadclaw.org.
Celebrating 100 Years

As we celebrate our Centennial in 2020, we invite every single member to actively participate in the Association. There are so many ways you can do that.

- Look at our upcoming event schedule, including our educational conferences, complimentary Webinars, and free Regional Meetings that allow you to network closer to home.
- Get involved in our 25+ Committees. Attend your Committee's monthly conference calls, write Committee Newsletters or Defense Counsel Journal articles, be a speaker for one of our CLE programs or podcasts, or work on special Committee-based projects.
- Access member resources (found within this Docket and on the IADC website). These include past Webinar materials, podcasts, Defense Counsel Journal articles, Committee Newsletters, Quick Reference Guides, and the Defense Counsel Training Manual.
- Think IADC First to your highly-regarded peers if an opportunity arises to refer business.
- Connect with new members. After a meeting, reach out to someone you just met. Become an IADC Ambassador and help members find their place in the IADC. To become an Ambassador, contact T.C. Bastin at tbastin@iadclaw.org.
- Get social! Connect with us and each other through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube. Make sure and tag us and use our hashtags - @IADCLaw #IADC100 #iadcmmeetings
- Nominate and sponsor potential members. We want to make sure going into our Centennial that we have the very best in our ranks.
- Submit your photos or memories of the IADC easily online.
Support and Celebrate IADC's 100 Years

In addition to engaging with the Association and attending our events, there are additional ways you can support our Centennial this year.

IADC Centennial Sponsorship

The IADC is planning a lot of special activities for our Centennial celebration. This included a very special coffee table book that is a wonderful, colorful, and comprehensive review of the IADC’s first 100 years. A copy of this 300+ page book was sent for free to each current IADC member. The IADC Centennial Committee also put together a couple of videos to commemorate this special occasion (one of which is on the previous page). In addition, we are working to make sure we have extra special Regional Meetings and Midyear and Annual Meetings so we can celebrate the camaraderie and friendship that make the IADC so unique.

If you and/or your company or firm are interested in helping defray some of these celebration costs, please consider a Centennial sponsorship. IADC Centennial sponsorships are $250 for an individual and $1,000 for a firm or company. All Centennial sponsors will be listed and thanked for their support on the IADC website and in the Annual Meeting materials.

To be a Centennial sponsor, you can do so online or by filling out this form and mailing it (Attention: Mary Beth Kurzak, IADC, 303 West Madison Street, Suite 925, Chicago, Illinois 60606) or faxing (+1.312.368.1854) it to the IADC with payment.

The IADC is a 501(c)(6) and dues or other payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense. Please consult your tax advisor.

IADC Foundation Centennial Fundraising Campaign

The Foundation of the IADC has many significant projects to help support the rule of law. (See opposite side of this flyer for more information.) The Foundation Board would like to provide at least $100,000 in grants in 2020 to honor of the IADC’s Centennial year. To help support its work, consider making a charitable contribution to The Foundation of the IADC with either a $100 or $1,000 contribution. Those who donate $1,000 will be part of the President’s Circle of Fellows, and all donors will be recognized online and in a donor list distributed at the Annual Meeting.

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Thank you for your continued support of the IADC and IADC Foundation!
The Foundation Board is looking to expand its support of established projects and organizations that support the rule of law. In particular, it is looking to provide grants outside the United States. If you volunteer or support a project that the Foundation Board should consider, please forward information on it to Executive Director Mary Beth Kurzak by email her at mkurzak@iadclaw.org. Also, the Foundation Board is starting to consider possible Foundation Forum speakers for February 2021. If you have ideas of individuals you would like to hear at the 2021 Midyear Meeting, please forward them to Mary Beth as well.

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The Foundation Board elected its new officers at the Midyear Meeting. Congratulations to:

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Congratulations to our two new Foundation Board members:

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*Joseph D. Cohen, Porter Hedges LLP, Houston, TX USA*

Congratulations also to our two Foundation Board members who were elected to new terms:

*Mollie Benedict, Tucker Ellis LLP, Los Angeles, CA USA*

*Edward S. Sledge, IV, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Birmingham, AL USA*

Finally, a huge thanks to our two outgoing Foundation Board members. We are so appreciative of your dedication and hard work for the IADC Foundation:

*Donna Lamontagne, Lamontagne, Spaulding & Hayes, LLP, Cranston, RI USA*

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Henry Morrissette with Hand, Arendall, Harrison, Sale, LLC in Mobile, AL interviews Ted O’Toole, Senior Counsel Home Foreign Claims with HDI Global Insurance Company. They discuss the opportunities and challenges to representing European and other foreign entities in U.S. litigation, offering insights on how to achieve better results through optimal global teamwork, communication, and expectation management.

Play the episode on the IADC website

Help Me Help You: Practical Tips from a Federal Appellate Judge - Bryant Spann and Judge Stephanie Thacker

Bryant Spann, partner at Thomas Combs & Spann, PLLC, interviews Judge Stephanie Thacker, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. They discuss how trial lawyers can improve their clients’ chances on appeal, and what effective (and ineffective) appellate advocates do.

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Weathering the Storm - Michele Smith and Bob Black

Michele Smith, a shareholder at MehaffyWeber, interviews Bob Black, Managing Shareholder at MehaffyWeber. They discuss literal and figurative storms facing the legal profession including disaster preparedness, keeping page with evolving technology, and succession planning.

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Jared Effler v. Purdue Pharma (12/24/2019)

On December 24, 2019, the IADC filed an amicus brief urging the Tennessee Supreme Court to hear Effler v. Purdue Pharma in which the court of appeals ruled that manufacturers of legal medicines prescribed lawfully by licensed physicians could be subject to liability under the state’s Drug Dealer Liability Act. This Act, enacted several decades ago, was intended to apply to the illegal drug trade. The ruling being appealed here is the first to apply the Act to product liability questions related to the sale of FDA-approved medicines. As the IADC brief explains, the opioid medications produced by the defendants are legal under state and federal law and sold to licensed distributors, registered with the Drug Enforcement Agency. By contrast, the Act is focused on "illegal" drugs and illegal drug sales, as its repeated references to "illegal" drug suggest. The brief also cautions that the court of appeal’s ruling “will have an impact far beyond the confines of this case. Manufacturers of any prescription medication (not just opioids) will be subject to potential liability under a law clearly targeted at the illegal drug market.”

To read the amicus brief filed, click here.
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Roddie Melvin v. Federal Express Corporation (12/3/2019)

IADC filed an amicus brief in Melvin v. Federal Express Corp. with the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit on December 3 in a case involving workplace discrimination and retaliation. The purpose of the brief was to explain the value and importance of summary judgment when warranted. It has been IADC's experience that, over the years, the plaintiffs' bar and others have endeavored to eliminate summary judgment in such cases. The arguments range from the broad argument that summary judgment violates a plaintiffs' Seventh Amendment right to a jury trial to the narrower argument that all, or at least a subset of, employment discrimination cases should be excepted from summary judgment because they involve issues of motive and intent. The IADC brief, in particular, rebutted arguments put forth by the National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA) in an amicus brief of its own. The NELA brief argued that workers are always entitled to have jurors determine at trial (rather than a judge on summary judgment) whether an employer honestly believed its employment decision was lawful and whether a decision-maker's discriminatory remarks evidenced discriminatory animus even if the remarks were temporally remote or unrelated to the employment decision. This proposed standard would essentially insulate from summary judgment a wide swatch of employment discrimination cases. The result would skew the balance against the rights of employers opposing non-evidence based claims, requiring even factually insufficient claims to be tried.

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March 18, 2020
Webinar: Gathering Evidence Abroad: A How To Guide

March 25, 2020
Webinar: Liability for Injuries to a Subcontractor's Employee

March 26, 2020
Southern Regional Meeting - Mobile, Alabama

April 8, 2020
Webinar: Combatting Plaintiffs' Lawyers' Attempts to Convince Judges that Asking for Millions During Voir Dire is Necessary for a Fair Trial

April 15, 2020
Corporate Counsel Training Academy
The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago, Illinois USA

April 15, 2020
Midwest Regional Meeting - Chicago, Illinois

April 16-17, 2020
Corporate Counsel College
The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago, Illinois USA

April 17-19, 2020
Spring Board of Directors Meeting
The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago, Illinois USA

April 22, 2020
Webinar: Selection of Ethical Issues Related to the Attorney-Client Privilege

May 6, 2020
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May 13, 2020
Webinar: Drug and Device Caselaw Update: Looking Back at the Recent Developments

May 14, 2020
Professional Liability Roundtable
University of Chicago, Gleacher Center, Chicago, Illinois USA

May 19, 2020
Australian Regional Meeting - Sydney, Australia

June 2, 2020
Canadian Regional Meeting - Toronto, Ontario Canada

June 4, 2020
Committee Chair Orientation
Hilton Chicago O'Hare, Chicago, Illinois USA

June 10, 2020
Webinar: The Future of Welfare Plan Litigation: What We Can Learn from Retirement Plan Litigation

June 24, 2020
Webinar: Ascertainty
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Eve B. Masinter, a partner at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., was recognized in the 2020 edition of Chambers USA for Labor & Employment.

Christopher W. Stevens, principal at Woods Rogers PLC, provided commentary in a Construction Dive article on workers comp after traumatic accidents.

Danielle Waltz, a member at Jackson Kelly PLLC, authored an article on behalf of the IADC for Modern Contractor Solutions February 2020 issue.

De Martenson, a senior partner at Huie, was named a member of the 2019 class of Fellows by the Alabama Law Foundation.

David Beck, David Gunn, and Jeff Golub, partners at Beck Redden LLP, cleared their client of a $535 million trial court judgment.

Christopher C. Lam, managing partner of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP's Charlotte office, was named by the Charlotte Business Journal as one of Charlotte's 2020 "Most Admired CEOs."

Shayna Cook, of Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP, helped secure a complete defense jury verdict in Salinero et al. v. Johnson & Johnson et. al.

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<th>Susan Ford Robertson, of The Robertson Law Group, LLC, was named Missouri Lawyer of the Year 2020 by Missouri Lawyers Media.</th>
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<td>Bonnie Mayfield won a complex retaliation trial in which the former employee claimed he was discharged after having complained about unsafe conditions.</td>
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<td>Bob Allen obtained a ruling that a CGL carrier does not owe a duty to defend due to a professional liability exclusion.</td>
<td>Christopher Scott D’Angelo, a partner at Montgomery McCracken Walker &amp; Rhoads LLP, authored an article for the January 2020 issue of <em>Modern Contractor Solutions</em> on behalf of the IADC.</td>
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<td>Melissa Dorman Matthews, a partner at Hartline Barger LLP, achieved an appellate victory, with dismissal of her Canadian client, Stocksy United, by the Houston Court of Appeals [1st Dist.].</td>
<td>Matthew D. Keenan, a partner at Shook, Hardy &amp; Bacon, L.L.P., authored an article for Law360 on tips for witness note taking.</td>
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<td>Steven A. Meckler was re-elected Managing Partner of the Charlotte office of Shumaker and continues to serve on the firm-wide Management Committee.</td>
<td>Jordan Lipp, a managing member at Childs McCune, published the second edition of his seminal book, <em>Product Liability Law &amp; Procedure in Colorado</em>.</td>
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Amy Sherry Fischer, a shareholder at Foliant Huff Ottaway & Bottom, was selected as one of this year’s recipients of the DRI Mary Massaron Award for the Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession.

Michael Skram was named Managing Shareholder of O'Meara, Leer, Wagner & Kohl, P.A.

Jim King, a partner at Porter Wright, helped secure a second landmark defense win in a major federal antitrust case for client Rose Acre Farms, Inc.

Dana Lumsden, a partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, received the 2019 Diversity and Inclusion Award from the North Carolina and South Carolina Lawyers Weekly publications.

Diane Pradat Pumphrey, of Wilkins Patterson Smith Pumphrey & Stephenson, and Julye Johns Bailey, of Huff Powell & Bailey, commented on behalf of the IADC in a recent Healthcare Risk Management article.

John Nunnally, a partner at Ragsdale Liggett, was selected to Business North Carolina magazine's 2020 Edition of "Legal Elite" honorees.

Hildy Sastre, a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, was named Most Effective Lawyer, Complex Business Litigation by The Daily Business Review.

Craig A. Thompson, a partner at Venable LLP, was elected as chair of the University of Maryland College Park Foundation Board's Executive Committee.

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**DBusiness** magazine named Charles Browning, Mary Massaron, and Scott Sirich, all partners at Plunkett Cooney, to its 2020 list of top lawyers.

Jordan Lipp, a partner at Childs McCune, LLC, obtained a defense verdict in June 2019 in a catastrophic injury case.

Chris Drewry, a partner at Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP, authored an article for *Modern Contractor Solutions* November issue on behalf of the IADC.

IADC member Eric Lasker and John Kalas, both partners at Hollingsworth LLP, authored an article for *Law360* on behalf of the IADC.

Mark A. Behrens, a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., and Ashley Garry, counsel for litigation and legal compliance at Eli Lilly and Company, authored an article for *HarrisMartin's Drugs & Medical Devices* Publication.

Christopher C. Lam, a managing partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, was appointed to the North Carolina Humanities Council Board of Trustees for a three-year term.

Matthew D. Keenan, a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., was appointed by President Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as one of eight new members of the Legal Services Corporation board of directors.

Larry D. Smith, of Southern Trial Counsel, PLC, received a 2019 Diversity Law Institute Diversity Award for his advancement, promotion, and support of diversity and inclusion in the profession of law.

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Tom Buckley, a partner at Goldberg Segalla, authored an article for Modern Contractor Solutions' October 2019 issue on behalf of the IADC.

Past President Molly H. Craig, a partner at Hood Law Firm, LLC, obtained a defense verdict following a medical malpractice trial in Charleston County, South Carolina.

Tim Daniels, a partner at Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

James W. Shelton, a partner at Phelps Dunbar LLP, represented a charter school association and assisted in defeating a challenge to the Mississippi Charter School Act.

Steven Quattlebaum, a partner at Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC, along with a team of lawyers from various firms, obtained a defense verdict on behalf of Johnson & Johnson in a talcum powder asbestos exposure case.

Denny Shupe, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, obtained a unanimous jury verdict for an airport modular refueling truck manufacturer following a seven day trial.

Michele Y. Smith, IADC Board Member and a shareholder at MehaffyWeber, received the 2019 Founders Award from the Texas Association of Defense Counsel.

Alexandra Simotta, Head of Legal Austria and Slovenia at SIX Payment Services (Europe), was nominated for a "Promoting the Best" award in Austria by Women in Law Austria, Future-Law, and the Austrian Association for Corporate Counsel.

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Matthew D. Keenan, a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., authored an article on behalf of the IADC for Today's General Counsel.

Michelle Hernandez, a shareholder with Modrall Sperling, was recognized and honored as a New Mexico business leader who is advancing diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Michael W. Drumke, a partner with Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, was named chair of the Cannabis Law and Policy Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of American Bar Association.

Marianne J. Gilmartin, a shareholder at Stevens & Lee, obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a public utility client following a three-day trial.

S. Gordon McKee, a partner at Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP, was ranked in Chambers Canada. He was awarded Canadian Product Liability Attorney of the Year.

Christopher A. Kenney, a co-founder of Kenney & Sams, obtained a defense win after a two-week jury trial in MA Superior Court.

Roy Alan Cohen, senior principal at Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, is serving as Immediate Past Chair of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section.

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IADC Member Reception at DRI Annual Meeting – October 16, 2019 – New Orleans, Louisiana

IADC members and invited guests attended a member reception during DRI’s Annual Meeting at the New Orleans Marriott. Thank you to the many sponsors for making the event possible.

Eastern Regional Meeting – November 13, 2019 - Charleston, South Carolina

The Eastern Regional Meeting brought over 50 IADC members and guests together for an evening of camaraderie, networking, and low country boil at The Oyster Shed at Leon’s. Thank you to our corporate and firm sponsors and to Hosts Elbert Dorn and Bobby Hood, Jr.


Attendees joined the IADC in London for an IADC Regional Meeting and a joint conference with the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) and its Product Liability Forum. The programming focused around the theme "Toxic Torts and Emerging Risks: European and US Perspectives." An optional dinner followed the event at The Montague on the Gardens. Thank you to our sponsors and to Co-Hosts Duncan Fairgrieve of BIICL and IADC Board Member Thomas Rouhette.

Western Regional Meeting – January 22, 2020 - Phoenix, Arizona

IADC members and guests joined together for an evening of camaraderie and networking in a skybox at the Talking Stick Resort Arena! Attendees went to a Phoenix Suns vs. Indiana Pacers game and enjoyed the game and each other’s company. Thank you to our event sponsors and to hosts Bradley Johnston and Patrick Paul.

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In Their Own Words

Mollie Benedict discusses the value of the network she has developed within the IADC, particularly with other women leaders.

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