



IADC Virtual Connection

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

We have hosted our upcoming Committee Chairs for leadership orientation, have held numerous Regional Meetings, and have had a blast with "At Home with Amy's" every Friday night.

Thank you for your commitment and involvement.

2020-2021 Election Information

While we are not meeting in person for our Annual Meeting, we will continue the critical work of our Nominating Committee to help elect our new Board members for the 2020-2021 year.

Appointments with the Nominating Committee will be held at various times on Tuesday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 8 to capture as many time zones as possible, and appointments will be held via Zoom.

While it isn't going to be exactly the same experience as providing your comments at the Annual Meeting, we hope that the convenience of this virtual setting will allow more people to provide comments. You can offer comments on any or all positions that are open this year.

Details on the election and how to sign up to submit comments can be found here.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

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President's Message

View a message from IADC President Amy Sherry Fischer below:



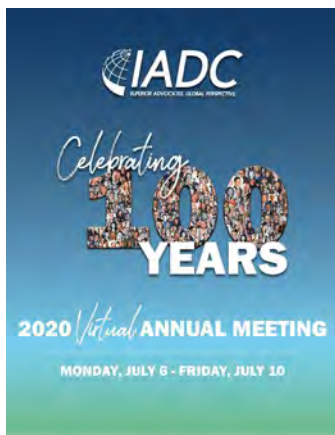
New Strategic Partnership

The IADC has entered into a strategic, two-year cross-promotional partnership with the **International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR)**, a global non-profit organization that advances dispute prevention and resolution practices and provides high quality solutions.

We are proud to have CPR as a strategic partner and as a recommended ADR services provider.

To read more about this collaboration, [click here](#).

Join Us! 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting, July 6-10



While we cannot meet in-person for this year's Annual Meeting, we are very excited to have the ability to host the 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting the week of July 6 where we can still connect, meet new people, learn, and have some fun.

We are offering CLE as well as social and family activities including annual favorites like the book review and family games. All complimentary! You just need to register in advance to attend. We also will have the Opening and Closing Sessions where we will conduct the annual business of the Association, including electing the new Board of Directors members.

To view the daily events in the brochure, [click here](#).

Please note all event times are listed in U.S. Central Daylight Time (CDT).

While we can't physically be together, we are looking forward to engaging and interacting with so many of you over the course of our Virtual Annual Meeting week.

Registration is online only [here](#), and event details can be found [here](#).



Support the IADC Foundation!

The IADC Foundation works to serve as a platform for educating the public and the legal community on current litigation issues and supporting the integrity of the legal system throughout the world.

You can support the IADC Foundation in two ways:

- **Purchase a raffle ticket.** Our raffle package is courtesy of the JW Marriott Turnberry Miami and includes two nights accommodation and two 50-minute spa treatments.
- **Purchase the International Accumulation of Delightful Cuisine Foundation Cookbook.** The cookbook includes more than 200 recipes from around the world. Cookbooks are at the printer and will ship in early to mid-July.



10 Weeks of IADC Virtual Value

The IADC has worked to provide its members as much value and as many resources as possible. In the first 10 weeks of shelter-in-place restrictions, we adjusted our offerings to be completely virtual and have provided education and resources on a range of topics including the ever-changing coronavirus pandemic.

Here is a snapshot of 10 weeks of IADC Virtual Value:

- 12 Webinars (six on COVID-19 and six on other critical legal topics)
- Approximately 25 Substantive Law Committee meetings each month via phone or Zoom
- More than 100 discussion threads on the IADC online Communities
- *A Defense Counsel Journal* edition focused on product liability issues
- A campaign by our leaders to call each active member of the Association to check in and make sure they are okay
- Virtual Regional Meetings and Social Meet Ups for business development and camaraderie
- A coronavirus resource page on the IADC website with links to member firm and company resources from three continents
- Three “IADC Speaks” podcasts
- A new strategic alliance with the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, a global non-profit organization that advances dispute prevention and resolution practices
- Close to 25 Committee Newsletters on a range of topics including seven specifically on COVID-19
- Work by our public relations agency to place IADC members as experts in news stories as well as distribution of new member announcements in several publications

We continue to add more resources and work on more ways to connect members for business development and friendship. The IADC has always been committed to giving you the most for your membership but especially now during this difficult time. The above list wouldn't be possible without member participation and engagement. Thank you to all of you who are active in the association, and if you haven't been active, please join a Committee call or attend a Webinar, Regional Meeting, or Virtual Meet Up.

Regional Meeting Recaps

While we weren't able to meet in person for our recent Regional Meetings due to the current pandemic, we were still able to connect and engage with one another during this time through our adapted virtual Regional Meetings.

Thank you those involved in planning and those who participated in the following virtual Regional Meetings that took place:

Southern Regional Meeting - Mobile, Alabama USA (March 26)

Australian Regional Meeting - Sydney (May 19)

Canadian Regional Meeting - Toronto, Ontario Canada (June 2)

Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting - Charleston, West Virginia USA (June 11)

For information on future Regional Meetings, visit the IADC website.

The month of July is our "International Regional Meeting Month" and we will be hosting multiple meetings. Please refer to the IADC website event calendar for locations and times.



Southern Regional Meeting

Australian Regional Meeting





Click the above video to take a peek into our 100-year history.

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 and connect.*
- *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 #iadcm meetings*
- *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.*

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what you may have missed

Committee Newsletters

Keeping up with the Technology: Constant Changes Perpetually Impact the Practice of Medicine and Create Liability Risks

By: M. Christopher Eagan, W. Christian Hines, III, and Sarah C. Chamberlain

Medical Defense and Health Law Committee

Court Cuts Off Oxygen to Autoerotic Asphyxiation Insurance Claim

By: Gary L. Howard

Insurance and Reinsurance Committee

Litigation in the Time of COVID-19: Understanding the Novel Impact on Drug and Device Cases

By: Robin Shah and Andrew Karp

Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee

A Primer on Preemption

By: David W. Kash

Transportation Committee

COVID-19 and the Construction Industry: A Glimpse into Delay Issues Associated with the Global Pandemic

By: Christopher S. Drewry

Construction Law and Litigation Committee

U.S. EPA's COVID-19 Based Discretionary Civil Enforcement Policy and Guidance on Timing of Performing Field Work

By: Jeffrey M. Karp

Toxic and Hazardous Litigation Committee

Don't Forget the Trial Briefs

By: Zandra E. Foley and Andrew L. Johnson

Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

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Committee Newsletters

Matter of R-A-F: The Attorney General Ignores the Circuit Courts and the Circuit Courts Ignore The Attorney General

By: Robert F. Redmond, Jr.

Social Justice Pro Bono Committee

Why isn't Amazon Treated as a Prime Company in France?

By: Sylvie Gallage-Alwis

Product Liability Committee

Viral Impact: Liability Protections and Considerations in a Pandemic

By: Robert G. Smith

Medical Defense and Health Law Committee

Duty to Defend, Duty to Indemnify...Duty to Settle? Results-Oriented Decision in Massachusetts Confuses Carriers, Sows Confusion

By: Alexander G. Henlin

Insurance and Reinsurance Committee

The "Preventing Essential Medical Device Shortages Act of 2020": COVID-19 Side Effect That Could Permanently Harm Medical Device Manufacturers

By: Heather Heiskell Jones and James E. Simon

Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee

Which Came First, the Standard or the Suit?

By: Laura D. Heusel, Trudy D. Fisher, and Phillip S. Sykes

Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee

OSHA Safety and Reporting Guidelines: Changes in Response to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic and Impact on the Construction Industry

By: Thomas M. Buckley

Construction Law and Litigation Committee

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Committee Newsletters

Government Investigations: Cooperating with Federal Agencies After a Trucking Accident

By: Adam F. Rust

Transportation Committee

Pending Overhaul of the Class Proceedings Landscape in Canada's Most Populous Province

By: Cheryl M. Woodin and Katrina E. Crocker

Product Liability Committee

Vermont Supreme Court Recognizes Exception to the Economic Loss Rule

By: Walter Judge

Business Litigation Committee

Insurance Policies without Limits: More Pitfalls for Underwriters

By: Harmon C. Hayden

Insurance and Reinsurance Committee

Illinois Appellate Court Deems Mental Health Records Privileged in Neurological Brain Injury Case

By: Mark D. Hansen and Emily J. Perkins

Medical Defense and Health Law Committee

Practical Tips to Minimize Labor and Employment Risks Arising from the Coronavirus in the Workplace and Workforce

By: Bonnie Mayfield

Employment Law Committee

Curtis Flowers' 23-Year Road, With Pro Bono Help, From Arrest and Six Trials to Bail

By: James W. Shelson

Social Justice Pro Bono Committee

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Committee Newsletters

Plaintiffs Fail to Supply Sufficient Asbestos Evidence to Keep Verdict

By: Craig T. Liljestrand

Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee

Jury Trends in the Post-Truth Era and Strategies to Maximize Your Chances of Success

By: Sherry A. Knutson, Charissa N. Walker, and Rebecca M. Fuentes

Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

Frustrated by COVID-19: Recovering and Preventing Business Losses

By: Heather C. Device and Siarra Sanderson

Transportation Committee

A SLAPP in the Face to Free Speech? A Nationwide Overview of SLAPPs and Anti-SLAPP Laws

By: Marcellus D. Chamberlain and Kyle V. Miller

Business Litigation Committee

Practical Tips to Minimize Labor and Employment Risks Arising from the Coronavirus in the Workplace and Workforce

By: Bonnie Mayfield

Employment Law Committee

Flat Fee Agreements in Complex Litigation: A Workable Approach

By: Raymond T. Sheldon

In-House and Law Firm Management Committee

Texas Supreme Court to Decide Two Eight-Corner Duty to Defend Cases This Term

By: Robert D. Allen

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Defeating Remand: Proving Fraudulent Joinder of a Non-Diverse Distributor

By: Robin Shah and Catherine Mullaley

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Webinars

Attention Young Lawyers -- Here's the Toolkit on How to Move to the Highest Level, Whether that is General Counsel or Equity Partner

Modified 2020 Corporate Counsel Training Academy program

Moderator: Al Vance, Altec Inc.

Presenter: Timothy A. Pratt, Retired Boston Scientific General Counsel

Zoom Presentation (Password: 1s^?4Jnh)

The Future of Welfare Plan Litigation: What We Can Learn From Retirement Plan Litigation

Presented by - Insurance and Reinsurance Committee

Moderator: Alexander G. Henlin, Sulloway & Hollis PLLC

Presenter: Bryan Bolton, Funk & Bolton

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Preventing Pandemic Pandemonium: An Employer's Guide to Practical Strategies in Europe

Presented by - Employment Law Committee and International Committee

Presenter: Gerlind Wisskirchen, CMS Hasche Sigle Partnerschaft Von Rechtsanwälten Und Steuerberatern MbB

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Resolving Legal Disputes in the Era of COVID-19

Presented by - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and In-House and Law Firm Management Committee

Moderator: Allen Waxman, International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution

Presenters: Andrew S. Chamberlin, Ellis & Winters LLP; Michele Riley, Arbitrator and

Mediator; Gilda Turitz, TDR Turitz Dispute Resolution

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Drug and Device Caselaw Update: Looking Back at the Recent Developments

Presented by - Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee

Moderator: Katherine Lett, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP

Presenters: Jay Stroble, Bradley LLP; Travis Swearingen, Butler Snow LLP

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Webinars

Government Investigations in France – Lessons Learnt from Société Générale's LIBOR, FCPA and Sanctions Resolutions, and Key Developments in French DPA Practice Over the Past Two Years

Presented by - Corporate Counsel Committee, International Committee, and White Collar Defense and Investigation Committee

Presenter: Nicolas Brooke, Signature Litigation AARPI

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Remote Depositions: A Panacea During a Pandemic?

Presented by - Amicus Curiae Committee, Employment Law Committee, and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

Presenters: James A. King, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP; Peter J. Pizzi, Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP; Michael Murray, Veritext

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Selection of Ethical Issues Related to the Attorney-Client Privilege

Presented by - Construction Law and Litigation Committee, Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee, Professional Liability Committee, and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

Moderator: Brian O'Connell, Tucker, Dyer & O'Connell

Presenters: J. Nathan Cole, Kenney & Sams, P.C.; Carol P. Michel, Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC; Bryant J. Spann, Thomas Combs & Spann

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Insurance Coverage for COVID-19 Claims

Presented by - Insurance and Reinsurance Committee

Moderator: Frank A. Lattal

Presenters: John Harding, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP; Alex Henlin, Sulloway & Hollis PLLC; Scott Newman, Marlow, Adler, Abrams, Newman & Lewis; Bryan Weiss, Murchison & Cumming, LLP

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Webinars

Combatting Plaintiff's Attempts to Convince Judges That Fairness Requires Asking for Millions of Dollars in *Voir Dire* and the Rise of Extreme Opinions in the Jury Room

Presented by - Product Liability Committee and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

Presenters: Aref Jabbour, Trial Behavior Consulting; William Ruskin, Law Offices of William Ruskin; John L. Tate, Stites & Harbison PLLC

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Finding and Pursuing New Business Opportunities in Times of Strife and Distraction

Presented by - Business Litigation Committee

Moderator: Creighton "Chip" Magid, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP

Presenter: Ken Wolff, Achievence LLC

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A Pointed Labor and Employment Discussion Regarding COVID-19 and Groundbreaking Laws

Presented by - Employment Law Committee

Presenters: Caitlin P. Cascino, Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP; Robert A. Luskin, Goodman McGuffey LLP; Bonnie Mayfield, Dykema Gossett PLLC

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Steering Your Law Firm Through the Coronavirus Crisis

Presented by - In-House and Law Firm Management Committee

Moderator: Henry T. Morrisette, Hand Arendall Harrison Sale LLC

Presenters: Robert Black, MehaffyWeber; Heather C. Devine, Alexander Holburn Beaudin Lang LLP; and Andrew Indeck, Weber Gallagher

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Liability For Injuries To a Subcontractor's Employee

Presented by - Construction Law and Litigation Committee and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

Presenter: J. Nathan Cole, Kenney & Sams, P.C.

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Gathering Evidence Abroad: A How To Guide

Presented by - Business Litigation Committee and Intellectual Property Committee

Presenter: Camille Pecnard, Lavoix

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Podcast: IADC Speaks

In-House Insights for Outside Counsel - Henry Morrisette and Matt Cairns

Henry Morrisette, with Hand Arendall Harrison Sale in Mobile, Alabama USA, interviews Matt Cairns, Associate General Counsel with Textron Inc. In this interview, they discuss Matt's experience and insights following his move from a leading outside counsel and defense bar leader to an in-house role managing litigation throughout the United States.



Play the episode on the IADC website

Keeping the Supply Chain Intact: How Carriers and Brokers Are Beating COVID-19 - Mitchell Smith and Heather Devine

Keeping the North American supply chain intact means Canadian and American transport carriers and brokers must be able to move food, medical supplies, and goods essential to the economy across states, provinces, and borders. Mitch Smith, principal at Germer PLLC, and Canadian attorney Heather Devine, partner at Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP, review the key issues facing transportation clients in this complex time.



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Product Liability Themed Defense Counsel Journal - Volume 87, Number 2

President's Page

By Amy Sherry Fischer

Committee Chair Letter

By William L. Anderson

Editor's Page

By Kenneth R. Meyer

3D Printing: Product Liability, Professional Liability and Other Tort Aspects of the Burgeoning Industry

By Jordan Lipp and Steven Michalek

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Torts, Courts and Attorneys General: Tort Litigation by States

By William L. Anderson and Richard E. (Rick) Wallace, Jr.

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The Rise and Minor Fall of Litigation Funding in Australia

By Greg Williams and Will Atfield

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

Product Liability Cases in Civil Law Countries: A Pro-Plaintiff Approach

By Sylvie Gallage-Alwis

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Where Are We Headed, Hal? Product Liability in the Next 100 Years

By William L. Anderson

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This Internet Thing is Great, Isn't it, Hal? Product Liability in the Next 100 Years

By Stephanie M. Rippee

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The Next Wave of Global Litigation

By Marco Pulido, James Sullivan, and Mary-Christine "M.C". Sungaila

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Fight for the Forum

By Eric Lasker and Brett Covington

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Warning: Additional Warnings May Be Required

By Jessie Zeigler, Sarah Miller, and Olivia Seraphim

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Amicus Curiae Briefs

Eleventh Circuit Sides with IADC Amicus Brief in Ruling for FedEx on Honest Belief Rule in Age Discrimination Cases (5/21/2020)

In May, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit issued a ruling in *Melvin v. Federal Express Corp.*, that followed the arguments the IADC set forth in its amicus brief in the case. A man who had worked for FedEx for some 33 years, alleged that his firing violated the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, which prohibits firing an employee who is at least 40 years of age “because of” the employee’s age and retaliating against him for engaging in protected activity. He argued that while he did not have explicit proof of age discrimination, he created a “convincing mosaic” of circumstantial evidence showing FedEx terminated his employment because of his age. This mosaic of evidence related to comments made to him by the person who became his supervisor and ultimately fired him. The supervisor asserted that the worker was fired for cause, as the worker had been issued several disciplinary letters related to his leadership failure and poor performance before his termination.

The trial court had granted FedEx’s motion for summary judgment. It found there was no evidence to refute that the supervisor’s grounds for firing the worker were based on his “honest, good-faith belief” that the worker had violated his directives. The Eleventh Circuit affirmed, saying that the employee did not provide sufficient evidence to raise a reasonable inference that FedEx discriminated against him because of his age or retaliated against him. The IADC amicus brief, which was authored by Spencer Silvergate and Shannon McKenna of Clarke Silvergate, P.A., explained the importance of summary judgment rulings in such cases and urged the court to reaffirm the “honest belief” rule. This is a major win for employers. Here is the ruling and the IADC brief.

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IADC Amicus Brief Successfully Urges Tennessee Supreme Court to Grant Review in Drug Liability Case (3/26/2020)

On March 26, the Supreme Court of Tennessee granted the Application for Permission to Appeal in *Effler v. Purdue Pharma*. The IADC had filed an amicus brief in support of the Application. Dick Neumeier of Morrison Mahoney and Charles Michels of Taylor, Pigue, Marchetti & Blair wrote and filed the brief.

In this lawsuit, the Tennessee Court of Appeals ruled that state district attorneys could sue prescription drug manufacturers—here, Purdue Pharma, Mallinckrodt, Endo, and Teva—over the sale of opioids under the state’s Drug Dealer Liability Act (DDLA). The DDLA, though, was enacted to deal with street drug crime, not prescription drug abuse. The court rejected the notion that “a drug manufacturer can never be liable under the DDLA even when it knowingly exceeds the boundaries of its regulated framework.” Here, the district attorneys alleged the manufacturers knowingly participated in the diversion of opioids for illegal use.

The IADC brief highlighted the importance of this case and urged the Tennessee Supreme Court to grant the application. It discussed the purpose of the DDLA, which was solely to target illegal drugs, not drugs lawfully manufactured and sold under FDA regulations. To this end, the DDLA’s repeatedly refers to “illegal” drugs, whereas the medications at issue here are legal under state and federal law. In fact, extending this law to pharmaceutical manufacturers finds no support in any other jurisdiction. Finally, allowing the ruling to stand would have a significant chilling effect on the ability of pharmaceutical manufacturers to develop and sell medications that improve the health and well-being of consumers.

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

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IADC Files Amicus Brief Asking Alabama Supreme Court to Stop Improper Forum Shopping (3/25/2020)

On March 25, 2020, the IADC filed an *amicus* brief with the Supreme Court of Alabama in support of a Petition for a Writ of Mandamus filed by the defendants in *DCH Healthcare Authority v. Purdue Pharma*. Phil Goldberg and Samantha Burnette of Shook Hardy and Bacon wrote the brief on behalf of IADC and the American Tort Reform Association.

In the lawsuit, numerous Alabama hospital systems were suing national drug manufacturers, distributors, and retail pharmacies over alleged unreimbursed costs of treating patients with opioid-related conditions. The hospital plaintiffs filed the lawsuit in Conecuh County, where only one hospital has a principal office, no defendant resides, and only a small fraction of the events at issue allegedly occurred. The defendants sought to have the case moved to a proper venue, namely Jefferson County where Birmingham is located.

IADC's brief highlighted the 30-year effort by the legislature to stop improper forum shopping. During that time, the state's venue laws were amended specifically to stop joinder from circumventing venue laws. In cases like this, where multiple plaintiffs from around the state seek to join their claims, the consolidated lawsuit cannot be filed in a venue that is proper only for one or some of them. Rather, "venue must be proper as to each and every named plaintiff joined in the action." The plaintiffs must choose a venue where all of them have a right to bring a case. The IADC brief also discussed recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and state tort reform laws that have similarly sought to curb the practice of improper forum shopping.

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

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Committee Chair Corner Articles

IADC Committee Chairs give insight into Committee happenings and share ways you can get involved.

- ▶ Michael Airdo, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee Chair
- ▶ Jason Rose, Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee Chair
- ▶ Tom Lysaught, Insurance Executive Committee Chair
- ▶ Alba Arriaga Romano, Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation, Committee Chair
- ▶ Meredith Kaplan Stoma, Professional Liability Committee Chair
- ▶ Mitch Smith, Transportation Committee Chair

Welcome |

new members of the IADC

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Daniel P. McCarthy

Manning Gross +
Massenburg LLP
Boston, Massachusetts
USA

Torrey J. Gerdes

Baylor Evnen, LLP
Lincoln, Nebraska USA

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Ogletree, Deakins, Nash,
Smoak & Stewart, LLP
Paris, France

Katie Chandler

Taylor Wessing
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Columbia USA

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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/.

June 24, 2020

Webinar: Ascertainability

June 26, 2020

"At Home with Amy" Virtual Gathering

June 29, 2020

**Webinar: Virtual Justice in France, UK & US: Status
& Challenges of Remote Hearings & Trials**

*(in collaboration with the Commission Paris-Londres,
Paris Bar and BIICL)*

July 6 - 10, 2020

2020 Virtual Annual Meeting

July 2020

International Regional Meeting Month

(see calendar for confirmed dates/locations)

August 7, 2020

**Deadline for 2021 Midyear Meeting Internal
Committee Program Proposals**

IADC Successes |

your accolades, courtroom wins, and pro bono accomplishments

Brian Del Gatto, Managing Partner of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, obtained a jury defense verdict for his Canadian trucking client and its insurer in a fatal rear-end accident.

Jerry D. Hamilton, a partner at Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel, LLP, helped secure a defense verdict for Sam's Club after a 6-day trial.

Harmon Hayden, founder of Harmon Hayden Law, authored an article on behalf of the IADC for *Canadian Underwriter's* April 2020 issue.

Stephen Zralek, a partner at Bone McAllester Norton PLLC, co-authored an article for *Law360* about how COVID-19 will impact business litigation.

M.C. Sungaila of Haynes & Boone contributed to a trial court victory in a case concerning the placement of coronavirus-positive patients from the Diamond Princess Cruise Ship in March 2020.

Sharon Stuart, a founding partner of Christian & Small LLP, was interviewed for a *Business Insurance* article on behalf of the IADC on potential COVID-19 legal implications.

Bill Thomas, a principal at Gausnell, O'Keefe & Thomas, LLC, authored an article on behalf of the IADC for *Modern Contractor Solutions*.

Plunkett Cooney appellate attorney Mary Massaron authored a successful amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Sixth Circuit in a multi-district opioid litigation.

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Sharla J. Frost and Sherry Knutson, Tucker Ellis lawyers, ranked in *Chambers USA* 2020 guide.

Dixie Wells and Luke Farley of Ellis & Winters author a two-part article on COVID-19 for *Construction Best Practices*.

Gordon Sproule and Jennifer Segers, along with Alex Parish, all Huie attorneys, secured a defense verdict for a long-term care facility in a medical malpractice case.

Constance A. Endelicato, a partner at Wood Smith Henning & Berman, was interviewed by *Insurance Journal* for an article on the nursing home insurance market amidst COVID-19.

Karsten Fehn, of Fehn | Legal, has been named to *Finance Monthly's* Legal Awards 2020 list.

Walter Judge assisted IADC member firm Shook Hardy & Bacon in dismissing a consumer fraud class action brought against Ben & Jerry's.

Christian & Small LLP partners Sharon Stuart and Richard Smith were recognized by *Chambers USA* 2020.

Christopher S. Drewry, a partner with Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP, authored an article on behalf of the IADC for *Modern Contractor Solutions*.

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Dixie T. Wells and Luke J. Farley Sr., of Ellis & Winters LLP, authored an industry update article on behalf of the IADC for *Construction Best Practices*.

M.C. Sungaila's book *Mother's Thoughts for the Day* won a silver medal in the Gift Book category of the 2020 IPPY Awards (Independent Publisher Book Awards).

Arnold & Porter Product Liability Litigation partner Sheila S. Boston was installed as the president of the New York City Bar Association during a ceremony on May 19, 2020.

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