



theme is **Our World in Crisis**. *Crises bring opportunities for lawyers.* This year's programming will dive into and explore topics like ESG, sustainability, international sanctions, the resolution of business disputes, and more. This will be an opportunity for growth, discussion, and connection that you won't want to miss!

This year's [International Corporate Counsel College](#) will take place in Istanbul, Türkiye on September 26 and 27 at The Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul.

The ICCC will be an excellent opportunity to **engage** with the IADC, and to socially **connect** with clients and colleagues.

Thirty-two speakers from around the world will join us to give their perspective on the latest legal issues affecting global companies. This year's program

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Strengthening Community: Making New Friends and Revisiting Old

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we embark on the 105th year of this storied organization, our focus is on continuing to achieve the aspirations set forth in our WILDLY IMPORTANT GOALS. Based upon our member survey earlier this year, we have

achieved our member engagement goal, and our member satisfaction with business development goal is well within reach; but we always strive to improve, even beyond the

wildest of goals and expectations. Our theme this year of *Strengthening Community* builds on the strong foundations set by past leaders. We would not be in such a strong position without their commitment and sacrifice. We are eternally grateful for all Past Presidents. We have renamed our Senior Advisory Council to the Past Presidents Council ("PPC"). Leadership will be having regular quarterly calls with our PPC to hear their thoughts and tap into their collective wisdom. We are revisiting the best parts of IADC history.

In the coming year, we will continue to provide opportunities for our members to strengthen the connections made through IADC into lasting bonds, making time for the personal and professional relationships started in the IADC to grow even stronger. Our Immediate Past President Michele Smith worked tirelessly toward these goals last year and did so much to advance this organization. We are forever thankful for her talents and guidance. President-Elect Dominic Campodonico and new Board members Natalie Furniss, Sylvie Gallage-Alwis, Kendall Harrison, and Marty Healy have long served the IADC and their dedication to our mission and goals will continue to move us forward in years to come. I am honored to serve with them and all of our extraordinary Board members.

The demands of each day only seem to lengthen our "to do" lists, and in our quest to best represent our clients, we may lose ourselves in the work we do. Without a strong commitment to the Rule of Law, a strong supportive community of fellow counsel who have shared experiences, and a sense of genuine service to others, this profession can drain even the heartiest of souls, the toughest of competitors. We engage in the work of the IADC to remind us of why we do what we do -- to make a difference: for our clients, our

President's Message continued

communities, and for the systems of law that allow us the luxury of living in peace. How do we exhibit our appreciation for the Rule of Law in our everyday practice? How do we strengthen community in difficult times? Keep talking to one another and keep listening. This year, I ask old friends and new to recommit to civil dialogue. We cannot shy away from difficult topics.

Providence Journal columnist Mark Patinkin has written a book called *The Holy Land at War*, chronicling his visit to Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza this past year. He provides real life stories from people in the region on both sides of the conflict. I was struck by one comment from a 16-year-old Jewish boy whose parents were killed. They lived in a house that had a Palestinian Lives Matter sign on the lawn. When asked if it was difficult to talk about October 7, he said, "It's more that nobody wants to listen." We often feel powerless when terrible things happen all over the world, but those of us who have the luxury of living in peace have an obligation to listen. We must educate ourselves, read, write, and discuss what is happening. Mark's book ends on a hopeful note about a school run by an Arab-Jewish couple for Arab and Jewish children to learn and grow together. There is always hope.

With wars still being fought in Ukraine and Russia and in Gaza and Israel, our thoughts often turn to the horrors that occur when the Rule of Law is not respected. Regarding the planned attacks on what was to be an uplifting evening at a Taylor Swift concert in Vienna, our Austrian member Alexandra Simotta reminded us that we need to voice opposition to those who seek violence over debate and who target the most vulnerable in our population. With upcoming elections in the United States, perhaps creating anxiety for citizens of the US as well as our international members, the IADC should be a place where all can engage in civil dialogue and relish in the exchange of ideas. This starts with the notion that we are all kind-hearted and want the best for all. Let us recommit to listening, learning, and talking about hard issues. Civil dialogue strengthens community. With this approach, there is nothing we cannot discuss and debate, as it is in the process of civil exchange that we find the best paths forward.

President's Message continued

This year in addition to promoting civil dialogue and standing for the Rule of Law, we will seek to Strengthen Community by focusing on supporting our members and serving others.

We will stress the need to support one another in all that we do as lawyers with in-depth, practical programming that will assist in day-to-day practice navigating the fast-moving changes in the practice of law. Our members can count on IADC to be a resource for the daily questions and challenges that we face.

The educational opportunities we have been working on for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025 are unprecedented. Johnson & Johnson hosted our very first Product Liability Roundtable this month. The stunning city of Istanbul, Türkiye will host our International Corporate Counsel College for the first time in IADC history and we will have our second in as many years Latin America Regional Meeting in São Paulo, Brazil in November. Our Midyear Meeting will be at a new property, the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach in Dana Point, California, and our Annual Meeting in July 2025 will be at an old friend, the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac in Quebec City. With Regional Meetings honoring Third Year Board Members in Chicago, Nashville, St. Petersburg, and Buffalo as well as IADCConnects events all over the world, including one that we've already had in Singapore, there will be countless opportunities for members to strengthen their relationships. Plans are already in the works for a Regional Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya on March 16, 2025 so mark your calendars and visit another one of the six continents where IADC members are making a difference.

We will also highlight IADC members who serve others outside of IADC and spotlight their efforts. The plan is to bring service-based initiatives and opportunities to the attention of our members. The promotion of service successes is an opportunity to learn about one another, grow our referral and business development connections, and celebrate the warmth and kindness of IADC members. Look for the spotlights and more information on these initiatives in our weekly IADCConnections emails and in future issues of the *Docket*.

President's Message continued

One of the first official duties I had as President as was to deliver remarks at the close of the 50th Annual Trial Academy. The idea that the IADC has been able to provide such consistent quality training for 50 years is a testament to the depth of talent in this organization. The Trial Academy creates a community of faculty and students whose bonds last lifetimes. It is a microcosm of all that is good in the practice of law.

After 50 years of this extraordinarily successful educational endeavor, we think of our Trial Academy as the Crown Jewel of our majestic organization but what does that truly mean for all of our members? It resonates because it represents the best in all of us. Twentieth century writer, teacher, and poet Grace Paley's words ring as true today as they did more than 70 years ago, "[t]rue majesty lies in the honor of those that choose the sunshine of connection over the darkness of division and figure the world as a bright habitat of belonging." The IADC always chooses the sunshine of connection.

Our IADC: our Intellectual, Adventurous, Diverse, Community is a bright habitat of belonging, and I could not be prouder to serve this community in the coming year. We have so much to accomplish. Let us stand, support, and serve together.

Donna Lamontagne
IADC President, 2024-2025

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Renew your IADC membership for 2024-2025 and don't miss a day of IADC benefits.

You can [pay online](#) or by phone by calling the IADC office at +1.312.368.1494.

BY THE NUMBERS

MEMBER VALUE

Membership at the IADC provides value in the form of connection opportunities, business development, and continuing legal education. Your membership pays for itself many times over. For membership benefits and business development opportunities that were afforded to members over the past year, see the image.



YEAR IN REVIEW

Please enjoy the video, played during the Annual Meeting Closing Session.

Throughout the past year, the IADC connected across borders and boundaries under the leadership of now

Immediate Past President Michele Smith. Michele's vision, determination, intelligence, and global lens gave IADC members so much value – opportunities to grow, engage, develop business, and connect. A trailblazer and true example of leadership. Thank you Michele for your incredible impact.

Why IADC?


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Your membership pays for itself many times over with these included benefits.

MEMBER VALUE

Membership benefits from the past year include:

- Substantive Law Committee meetings bringing you content and connection monthly:
 - 212 meetings
 - 3,666 total attendees on monthly Committee meetings
 - 75 presentations on substantive developments, the latest legal trends, and best practices
 - 306 member introductions
 - 16 joint meetings and social activities
- Think IADC First referral system. The IADC actively promotes referrals among IADC members. Through a recent informal survey, the responding members reported close to \$14 million in referrals through the IADC in the last year.
- 10 complimentary Regional Meetings held around the globe in Mexico City, Mexico; Boston, Massachusetts; London, England; Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Hong Kong among others.
- 8 Webinars and Webinar recordings – free for you, as well as your colleagues and clients (a \$500+ value)
- Connections to a worldwide network of top-notch defense counsel from every US state and 47 countries and territories. An online member directory and the non-US member interactive map directory help you to tap into that network.
- 20 IADCConnects events that allowed members to gather casually for collegiality, networking, and fun all over the world in locations like Nairobi, Kenya; Charlotte, North Carolina; Tokyo, Japan; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Extensive resource library, with access to materials like the Diversity Roadmap, past Webinars, Defense Counsel Journal articles, Committee newsletters, amicus curiae briefs, and more
- Business development opportunities (BDOs):
 - 48 published Committee Newsletters and Defense Counsel Journal articles, which includes an extensive Circuit-by-Circuit guide of wayward Rule 702 case law. This guide identifies key cases by judicial circuit.
 - 37 new member announcements and 18 feature articles placed with work by our public relations agency
 - 74 member successes shared
 - A library of 26 new IADC Speaks podcast episodes
- In-person events for education and networking.
 - Midyear and Annual Meetings – including programming, networking, and social opportunities for you and your spouse/significant other/guests/children
 - Corporate Counsel College and International Corporate Counsel College – for our in-house counsel, insurance executives, and their advisors
 - Professional Liability Roundtable – featuring programming covering professional liability, medical liability, and insurance issues
 - Trial Academy – trial advocacy training program to practice the fundamentals or refine techniques
 - Corporate Counsel Training Academy – for those new to the in-house role, 0-3 years, offered complimentary



“For me, the benefit of the IADC is tapping into networks that I wouldn't ordinarily be able to tap into... The IADC has certainly helped that.”

- Jonathan Crompton

MEET OUR SUBSTANTIVE LAW COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The heart of the IADC is our more than three dozen Committees where members can engage and network in an approachable way, expand and build skills, and further objectives of the defense bar and business community.

Our Substantive Law Committees offer monthly content and connection, and this is a great way for you to meet with others with similar interests and expertise. *If you would like to join a Substantive Law Committee to participate in its monthly meetings, get involved with programming, and more, please email [Jennifer Aron](#), Professional Development Manager.*

Our Committee Leaders are below – to reach out if you want to get more involved or to learn about potential leadership opportunities, [find their contact information and Vice Chair details on the IADC website](#).

- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Sherylle Francis (Universal Property and Casualty Ins. Co.)
- Amicus Curiae: Randy Roach (Roach & Newton, LLP)
- Appellate Practice: Jack White (McGuireWoods LLP)
- Business Litigation: Dixie Wells (Ellis & Winters LLP)
- Civil Justice Response: Mark Behrens (Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP)
- Class Actions and Multi-Party Litigation: Katherine Lawler (Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP)



- Construction Law and Litigation: Bill Thomas (Gausnell, O'Keefe & Thomas, LLP)
- Corporate Compliance and Government Enforcement Actions: Tara Ward (McDermott Will & Emery LLP)
- Corporate Counsel: Nicole Brunson (A.O. Smith Corporation) and Jaclyn Bryk Welch (The J.M. Smucker Company)
- Cyber Security, Data Privacy and Technology: Brent Arnold (Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP)
- Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging: Melissa Lin (Richi Fitch Law Group)
- Drug, Device and Biotechnology: Chris Morris (Butler Snow LLP)
- Employment Law: Tom Buckley (Goldberg Segalla LLP)
- Environmental and Energy Law: Manuel Moctezuma (Moctezuma Castro S. C.)
- In-House and Law Firm Management: Liz Brotten (Foley & Mansfield, PLLP)
- Insurance and Reinsurance: Bill Bulfer (Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP)
- Insurance Executive: Anthony Terranova (QBE Insurance)
- Intellectual Property: Elio Martinez (GrayRobinson, P.A.)
- International: Peter Pliszka (Fasken Martineau Dumoulin LLP)
- International Arbitration: Anna Cook (Bristows LLP)
- Medical Defense and Health Law: Constance Endelicato (Wood Smith Hennings & Berman)
- Product Liability: Whitney Frazier Watt (Stites & Harbison PLLC)
- Professional Liability: Michael Rossi (Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford, LLP)
- Social Justice Pro Bono: Kelly Hodges (Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau)
- Toxic and Hazardous Substance Litigation: Joel Eagle (Thompson Hine LLP)
- Transportation: Floyd Cottrell (Rawle & Henderson, LLP)
- Trial Techniques and Tactics: Bains Fleming (Norman, Wood, Kendrick & Turner) and Carol Michel (Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC)

NEWLY AVAILABLE TO YOU! ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY



Artificial intelligence is such a hot topic, and the IADC wants to keep a pulse on what is developing. We've created a task force who will be looking to provide guidance and resources as they become available.

The IADC created an [Artificial Intelligence Community over on our Communities platform](#). This community is open for anyone to join and is for the full membership to share information and resources on artificial intelligence and the legal implications. The AI Task Force will post regular updates and information to this community.

RECENT EVENT RECAPS

IADConnects. IADC members have been connecting all over the world at our IADConnects events, which are casual gatherings for collegiality, networking, and fun. Thank you to the event Hosts and attendees for these meaningful connection moments. Here is where we've been:

[Seoul, Korea](#) | [Charlotte, NC](#) | [Toronto, ON](#) | [Singapore](#) |
[New York, NY](#) | [South Florida](#) | [Charleston, SC](#) | and New York,
Texas, and on an Amtrak train



RECENT EVENT RECAPS

Vancouver Regional Meeting. On July 7, nearly 60 attendees mingled and enjoyed spectacular views from Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP's Vancouver office. Thank you to the firm and Host Jim Sullivan for a fantastic time!

2024 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting took place at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada. The meeting was a wonderful opportunity to gather in-person for extremely relevant CLE offerings, lots of great business networking, and time to be social and just have fun. A special thanks goes out to Cheryl Woodin who led the CLE planning efforts of the CLE Steering Committee along with Sharon Donaldson Stuart, the CLE Committee Chair. Another big thank you to the Annual Meeting Planning Team of Michele and Mitch Smith, Convention Chairs Sandy and Tom Wunderlich, and Donna Lamontagne and Tom Patriarca, along with their Convention Committee who brought the meeting to life.



RECENT EVENT RECAPS



50th Annual Trial Academy. Nearly 90 students gathered to learn from our 13 faculty members, alongside an incredible Director and Director-Elect. Students experienced an intense week of learning, observation, and training. Faculty presentations ranged from AI to technology and everything in between. Each Trial Academy faculty gives themselves a name, often in honor of its Director. This year's class is *The Butler Didits*. We thank *The Butler Didits* for their sacrifice, influence, and support: Director Warren Butler and Director-Elect Kim

Hardeman along with faculty members Robby Aliff, Julie Callsen, Bains Fleming, John Grantland, Michelle Hernandez, Shannon Joseph, James Ordeneaux, Steven Pugh, Robert Redmond, Allen Smith, Patrick Strubel, Kari Sutherland, and Lee Weatherly.

2024 Product Liability Roundtable. A sold-out crowd attended the inaugural Product Liability Roundtable on September 12 which was held at Johnson & Johnson Headquarters. This full-day conference covered topics that ranged from the EU product liability directive to third party litigation finance to public nuisance. Thank you to Co-Chairs Brandee Kowalzyk and Whitney Frazier Watt, the planning Committee, and speakers for putting a thoughtful program together that allowed in-house and outside counsel to learn and discuss new developments in the product liability arena.

COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS

[Companies Prefer to Resolve International Commercial Disputes by International Arbitration](#)

By Dr. Anton G. Maurer

International Arbitration Committee

[California Appellate Court Finds Principle Limiting Duty to Prevent Bystander Exposure to Worker's Household Members Does Not Apply to Strict Liability Claims](#)

By Michael L. Fox and Katrina Garry

Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee

[A Series \(Part III\): Tackling the Recent Wave of Challenges to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Efforts](#)

By Kenneth E. Sharperson

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee

[PFAS Ban: France is Showing the Way to the European Union](#)

By Sylvie Gallage-Alwis and Elias Boukachabine

Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee

[The Directive \(EU\) 2020/1828 on Class Actions, Litigation Funding, and the Impacts on International Arbitration](#)

By Duarte G. Henriques

International Arbitration Committee

[New Approach to Defense and Valuation of Future Medical Damages](#)

By Scott K.G. Kozak

Medical Defense and Health Law Committee

RECENT RESOURCES

Georgia Bad Faith Alert - Holt Demands and The Case of the Missing Comma: “Caution, This Check May Self-Destruct in 90 Days”

By John Lucas and Robert L. Shannon, Jr.

Product Liability Committee

The Defense Wins: Lessons Learned from a Successful Jury Trial Involving a Tractor Trailer Collision and a TBI Claim

By John E. Spainhour

Transportation Committee

Plaintiff was Overtreated and Overcharged: Does the Jury Care?

By Floyd G. Cottrell

Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee

WEBINAR

Exposing the Cracks: Litigation Case Studies and Environmental Issues in Plastic Construction Materials

Presented by - Construction Law and Litigation Committee, Environmental and Energy Law Committee, and Product Liability Committee

Moderator: Catherine A. Leatherwood, Rogers Townsend, LLC

Presenters: Konrad Kulacki, Exponent; Jericho Moll, Exponent; William S. Thomas, Gausnell, O'Keefe & Thomas, LLP

[PDF of Presentation](#) | [Webinar Recording](#) | [Password can be found here](#)

DEFENSE COUNSEL JOURNAL - FEDERAL RULE OF EVIDENCE 702 ISSUE

"Our Summer 2024 issue focuses on Federal Rule of Evidence 702. In this issue, Eric Lasker and Joshua Leader (Editors) take us through the amendments to Rule 702 and what the Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules identified as "wayward case law."

Through the efforts of the IADC's Rule 702 Sustainability Committee, we are presenting a comprehensive federal circuit-by-circuit guide that identifies the key "wayward cases" that may fail to meet the standards of amended Rule 702.

This was a herculean task and the guide will be enormously helpful to every practitioner who faces the issue of the admissibility of expert testimony. Thank you to Eric and Joshua and all the authors who contributed to this guide." - *Immediate Past Editor Marsha Piccone*

DIVE INSIDE

- [President's Page](#) by Michele Y. Smith
- [Editor's Page](#) by Marsha M. Piccone
- [New Federal Rule of Evidence Rule 702: A Circuit-by-Circuit Guide to Overruled "Wayward Caselaw"](#) by Eric Lasker and Joshua Leader



[The First Circuit](#) | [The Second Circuit](#) | [The Third Circuit](#) | [The Fourth Circuit](#) | [The Fifth Circuit](#) | [The Sixth Circuit](#) | [The Seventh Circuit](#) | [The Eighth Circuit](#) | [The Ninth Circuit](#) | [The Tenth Circuit](#) | [The Eleventh Circuit](#) | [The District of Columbia Circuit](#) | [The Federal Circuit](#)

These podcast episodes have dropped since our last issue. [Listen here](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts.

- [Casual Convos with Past Presidents featuring Andrew Chamberlin and Craig Thompson](#)

- In this “Casual Convos with Past Presidents” series, hear from past presidents of the IADC as we explored their journeys, uncovering invaluable insights and moments that shaped their experiences within the IADC. In this first episode, Host Al Vance spoke with IADC Past Presidents Andrew Chamberlin and Craig Thompson.

- [Destination Vancouver!](#)

- In this “Speaking With The Smiths” podcast episode, IADC Immediate Past President Michele Smith and Mitchell Smith spoke with IADC Convention Chairs Sandy Wunderlich and Tom Wunderlich about all things 2024 Annual Meeting and all things Vancouver!

- [Istanbul...Not Constantinople](#)

- Host Cecilia Lahaye spoke with Döne Yalçın, Director of the IADC’s 2024 International Corporate Counsel College. This year’s event – September 25 to 27 – will be held in Istanbul, a city bordering two continents. Hear about the programming which addresses opportunities to face crises and learn about all the fun social and networking events they have in store. [*“Turkish Trails: Navigating Istanbul Guide” document](#)

- [Full Court Press: Trial Practices with Heather Devine](#)

- It is time to get ready for trial. How do you prepare? What do you do? In this "Trial Practices" series, hear from seasoned trial lawyers about how they prepare themselves and how they prepare for the courtroom. *IADC Speaks* Host J.T. Wilson III spoke with Heather Devine about her international trial practice. Peek behind the scenes as they highlighted Heather's current role as chief legal officer, discussed the importance of wardrobe care in appearing before Canadian courts, shared thoughts on the well-being of witnesses, and discussed why selfies are a thing in the courtroom.

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- [Spotlight on the Brand-New Product Liability Roundtable](#)

- Developments in the product liability arena are ever-evolving, which is why you need to hear about this brand-new IADC program. *IADC Speaks* Host Mollie Benedict spoke with Co-Chairs Brandee Kowalzyk and Whitney Watt, along with program speaker Matt Cairns, about the Product Liability Roundtable, held at J&J World Headquarters.

- [IADC Foundation - Up Close and Personal with Heidi Friedman](#)

- *IADC Speaks* Host Cecilia Lahaye chatted with Heidi Friedman, fellow IADC Foundation Board member. In this up close and personal conversation, learn about how the Foundation "puts money where its mouth is," hear about important organizations they help, and discover how you can be an integral part of their success. [Contribute now.](#)

- [Dana Point with the Drewrys: IADC 2025 Midyear Meeting Sneak Peek](#)

- Recorded live at a poolside cabana, this *IADC Speaks* episode truly transports you to the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club in Dana Point, California, home of the IADC 2025 Midyear Meeting. The 2025 Planning Team brings you along to soak in the serenity as they shared a few meeting plans and what they can't wait for you to experience.

- [Casual Convo with Past Presidents featuring John T. Lay and Amy Sherry Fischer](#)

- In this “Casual Convo with Past Presidents” series, hear from past presidents of the IADC as we explore their journeys, uncovering invaluable insights and moments that shaped their experiences within the IADC. In the second episode of this trilogy, Host Al Vance spoke with IADC Past Presidents John T. Lay and Amy Sherry Fischer.

- [The Crown Jewel of the IADC](#)

- If you've been around the IADC long enough, you'll hear murmurs about “the crown jewel.” In this episode, hear from *IADC Speaks* Host Jimmy Ordeneaux, along with eight special guests, as they talk about their recent crown jewel experience as faculty members of IADC's 50th Annual Trial Academy which took place in August. Hear them reflect on their experience: what surprised them, the value and importance of the program, and what they got out of it.

For past Webinar presentations, *Defense Counsel Journal* articles, Active Ally discussions, the Diversity Roadmap resource, and more, visit the "Resource Library" section at www.iadclaw.org.

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members to
the IADC, and if
you need a legal
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their area,
Think IADC First and
reach out!*

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who would be an
excellent member,
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YOUR ACCOLADES, WINS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

[Steve Schleicher](#), partner at Maslon LLP, won acquittal for “Feeding Our Future” defendant. | [more](#)

[Mica Nguyen Worthy](#), partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP, submitted a claim to NASA to recover for her clients’ damages resulting from a space debris incident. | [more](#)

[Mollie Benedict](#), partner at Tucker Ellis LLP and Chair of IADC’s Podcast Committee, secured a defense verdict in a battery case. | [more](#)

[W.M. Bains Fleming, III](#), attorney at Norman, Wood, Kendrick & Turner, and IADC Co-Chair of the Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee, was elected as President-Elect to the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association. | [more](#)

[Laura Kogan](#), partner at Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP, was appointed to serve as a member of the Advisory Group of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. | [more](#)

[Christopher S. Drewry](#), partner at Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP, authored an article on behalf of the IADC for *Modern Contractor Solutions*’ June 2024 issue. | [more](#)

IADC SUCCESSES

[Tara L. Ward](#), partner and co-lead of McDermott Will & Emery’s Government Contracts Practice and Chair of IADC’s Corporate Compliance and Government Enforcement Actions Committee, was awarded The George Washington University Law School’s Recent Alumni Award. | [more](#)

[Charles E. Reynolds, II](#), managing partner at Tyson & Mendes LLP and IADC Board member, won two separate summary judgments in fall and injury matters in Florida. | [more](#)

YOUR ACCOLADES, WINS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

[Catherine Ava Leatherwood](#), partner at Rogers Townsend, LLC, successfully defeated a motion for class certification in a construction matter in South Carolina. | [more](#)

[Stuart J. Goldberg](#), member with Eastman & Smith LTD., was appointed Vice Chair of United Way of Greater Toledo and has joined the American Heart Association Board. | [more](#)

[Acacia B. Perko](#), senior attorney at Houston Harbaugh, PC, authored an article on AI music generators. | [more](#)

[Tierney M. Chadwick](#), member with Wadleigh, Starr and Peters PLLC, obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in Hillsboro County South in New Hampshire. | [more](#)

[Rodney L. Umberger](#), managing director at Williams Kastner, obtained a defense verdict in a traumatic brain injury trial. | [more](#)

[Kathleen J. Maus](#), a partner at Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP, has been selected as this year's recipient of the DRI Louis B. Potter Professional Service Award. | [more](#)

IADC SUCCESSES

[Amy M. Stewart](#), Founding Partner of Stewart Law Group PLLC, was elected Vice Chair of the American Bar Association's Litigation Section. | [more](#)

[Jennifer Devereaux Segers](#) and [Allen Sydnor](#), partners at Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart LLP, obtained a jury verdict for defendants in a medical negligence action. | [more](#)

[Robert P. Latham](#), a partner at Jackson Walker L.L.P., obtained an appellate victory for a local radio station in a defamation suit. | [more](#)

YOUR ACCOLADES, WINS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

[Elizabeth Sorenson Brotten](#), a partner at Foley & Mansfield, PLLP, has been elected as President of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association. | [more](#)

[Danielle M. Waltz](#), a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, authored an article on behalf of the IADC for *Modern Contractor Solutions'* August 2024 issue. | [more](#)

Danielle will join the West Virginia University Health System as Assistant Vice President of Government Affairs and Associate General Counsel on September 23. | [more](#)

[Melanie Margolin](#) was named Clarivate's Chief Administrative and Legal Officer. | [more](#)

[Christina Verone Juliano](#) has joined Barclay Damon LLP's Syracuse office as Health Care Litigation Partner. | [more](#)

During the Annual Meeting, we announced and recognized many IADC members for their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to all!

- Melanie D. Margolin - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Award
- Döne Yalçın - Joan Fullam Irick Award
- Alba Arriaga Romano - Richard L. Neumeier Excellence in Service Award
- Mollie Benedict; Eric G. Lasker and Joshua K. Leader - Project Award (Mollie for IADC Podcast Committee and Eric and Joshua for the Rule 702 Circuit Guide)
- Kirstin Abel - President's Award
- Bobby Hood, Sr. - IADC Trial Academy Lawyers Hall of Fame
- Jeffrey A. Holmstrand - Yancey Award

IADC SUCCESSES

Submit your accolades, pro bono stories, courtroom wins, and successes to [Diana Leon](#), Communications and Operations Manager.

We have many upcoming events for you to create connections, share content, engage with one another, and develop business.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

[**IADConnects in Mexico City, Mexico**](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

[**2024 Northeast Regional Meeting - Providence, RI**](#)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

[**2024 European Regional Meeting - Istanbul, Türkiye**](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

[**2024 International Corporate Counsel College**](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

[**IADConnects in Seattle at the 2024 DRI Annual Meeting**](#)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

[**IADConnects in Tampa, FL**](#)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

[**2024 Latin America Regional Meeting - São Paulo, Brazil**](#)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

[**2025 Midyear Meeting**](#)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - MONDAY, MARCH 17

[**2025 African Regional Meeting - Nairobi, Kenya**](#)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

[**2025 Midwest Regional Meeting - Chicago, IL**](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

View the
calendar of
events below for
a full listing of
upcoming
offerings,
program
information,
and registration.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

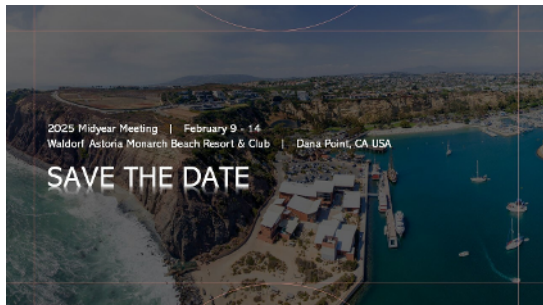


SAVE THE DATE!

Join the IADC Planning Team - President Donna Lamontagne and Tom Patriarca;

Convention Chairs Chris Drewry and Stephanie Drewry; President-Elect Dominic Campodonico and Matt Stitham - at the **Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club in Dana Point February 9-14 for IADC's 2025 Midyear Meeting.**

Program information and registration will be shared in October.



IN MEMORIAM

We offer sympathy to the family and friends of:

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