



2025 MIDYEAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 9 - 14

WALDORF ASTORIA MONARCH BEACH RESORT & CLUB
DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA USA



PRINTABLE FULL SCHEDULE

- schedule as of February 9 -

Saturday, February 8, 2025

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

2025 Trial Academy Training Session for Faculty

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Board of Directors Luncheon with 2025 Trial Academy Faculty

1:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

IADC Registration Desk

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2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Super Bowl Party Welcome Reception

IT'S GAME TIME!

We are "kicking off" the 2025 Midyear Meeting with a welcome reception on the beautiful Pacific Lawn of the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort. Reconnect with friends and meet new members while watching Super Bowl LIX! Enjoy game day snacks and refreshments and our very own First Timer Introduction halftime show!

Casual resort attire suggested, which could include your favorite football jersey or favorite team colors.

Please note: This onsite event will take place partially outdoors. Please be sure to check the weather and dress accordingly. Flats or wedges (no high heels) are recommended.

Please note: All registered attendees (main registrants, spouses, and guests) are invited. Name badge required for entry.

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Monday, February 10, 2025

On Demand

Greenwashing Litigation in the U.S. and Abroad

Committee Co-Sponsors: Class Actions and Multi-Party Litigation, Corporate Compliance and Government Enforcement Actions, Corporate Counsel, Environmental and Energy Law, International

Companies are increasingly facing class action litigation and government regulation in the U.S. and abroad regarding the promotion of their products and services as being environmentally friendly. Hear from in-house and outside practitioners regarding the impact of such litigation and regulation and resulting best practices.

Speaker: Roy Prather, Beveridge & Diamond PC, Baltimore, Maryland USA

On Demand

PFAS and Medical Devices

Committee Co-Sponsors: Class Actions and Multi-Party Litigation, Drug, Device and Biotechnology, Medical Defense and Health Law, Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation

Some definitions of PFAS are expanding to include fluoropolymers and other fluorinated materials relevant to the medical device industry. While fluoropolymers have unique and valuable properties that contribute to medical device performance and beneficial patient outcomes, changing regulations are likely to impact direct and indirect uses of fluoropolymers in healthcare. Join us as we trace the implications of evolving chemical and environmental regulations on the use of fluoropolymers and other fluorinated substances in healthcare.

Speakers: Michael S. Heyl, Hogan Lovells, Washington, District of Columbia USA; Maureen Reitman, Exponent, Natick, Massachusetts USA

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7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

"You Can't Build A Great Building on a Weak Foundation: The Art of Laying Proper Foundation"

Committee Co-Sponsors: Medical Defense and Health Law, Professional Liability, Trial Techniques and Tactics

Many jurisdictions have enacted laws that make it incredibly difficult and costly to overcome foundational objections to essential evidence. This session will provide a toolkit for ensuring you have taken the proper measures to ensure admission of your evidence as well as prepare you for strategies to successfully outwit your opponent and beat them at their own game. In this session we will outline the challenges posed by various state laws and differing requirements for laying proper foundation and provide best practices for curing any foundational issues. We will also address strategies for precluding life care plans, witnesses, and various documentary evidence.

Speakers: *Constance A. Endelicato, Wood Smith Henning Berman, Los Angeles, California USA; Robert G. Smith, Mayer LLP, Houston, Texas USA*

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Beyond Playing Nice in the Sandbox: Effectively Defending Mass Torts in a Virtual Law Team

Committee Sponsor: Product Liability

Virtual law firms grew out of the need for attorneys from multiple firms to efficiently collaborate on mass tort litigation. The model brings together the strengths and specialized experience of a range of attorneys across firms, often forming sub-teams to function as national coordinating counsel, discovery team, trial team, experts team, settlement team, etc. In this program, co-presenters Katie Maechler of Maslon LLP and Sherrie Armstrong Davis of Thomas Combs & Spann, PLLC, members of a virtual law firm defending a large environmental and product docket nationwide, will provide practical, tried, and tested advice on how to go beyond playing nice in the sandbox to maximize effective defense of mass torts in a virtual law firm setting. We will discuss the history and benefits of such teams, the structure of successful virtual teams, the protocols and processes that should be implemented, and the do's and don'ts of virtual teams from both the client's and firms' perspectives.

Learning Objectives:

- How virtual law teams for mass torts got started and why
- How to set up a virtual law team, create the right sub-groups, and implement effective protocols
- What virtual law teams should do – and avoid doing – to maximize a successful defense

Speakers: *Sherrie Armstrong Davis, Thomas Combs & Spann, PLLC, Charleston, West Virginia USA; Todd P. Davis, King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta, Georgia USA; Nancy M. Erfle, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, Portland, Oregon USA; Katie G. Maechler, MASLON LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA*

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Foundation President's Circle Breakfast

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Navigating the Nexus: Global Cybersecurity and Privacy in a Changing Regulatory Landscape

Committee Co-Sponsors: Corporate Counsel, Cyber Security, Data Privacy and Technology, International

With the rise of state-level cybersecurity regulations, there is growing momentum in Congress for a national standard, underscored by the bipartisan American Privacy Rights Act. This CLE session will explore how this proposed national framework compares with current state and international regulations.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the new consumer data privacy rights established by the Act, including the rights to access, correct, delete, and export personal data. This objective aims to equip attendees with the knowledge needed to navigate and apply these rights in practical scenarios.
- Attendees will learn how to implement data minimization principles and robust data security practices as mandated by the Act. This includes understanding the requirements for limiting data collection and ensuring the protection of sensitive information, thereby enhancing organizational compliance and reducing the risk of data breaches.
- Participants will explore the enforcement mechanisms established by the Act, including the roles of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), state attorneys general, and private consumers. This objective focuses on providing attendees with the tools to navigate the compliance landscape effectively, ensuring that their organizations adhere to legal standards and avoid potential penalties.

Speakers: Walt Green, Phelps Dunbar LLP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana USA, Stephanie M. Rippee, Watkins & Eager PLLC, Jackson, Mississippi USA

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Networking Coffee Break

Connect with fellow members to build relationships and pursue strategic opportunities for your practice or law firm at these Networking Coffee Breaks each morning.

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Opening Session

We encourage you to attend this general session where IADC President Donna Lamontagne will give a State of the Association address and valuable meeting highlights and information will be shared. *The Opening Session is not available for CLE credit.*

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Foundation Forum: Niall Paul and James Crockett

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Rising to the Occasion: How Standing for the Rule of Law Elevated the Client – And the Lives of the Lawyers



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Looking back over more than four decades of practicing law - much of it together - [Niall A. Paul](#) and [Jim Crockett](#) look back fondly on a shared formative experience. In careers that involved high-stakes trials and billion dollar demands, it was a small case (in terms of monetary damages and legal fees) that brought them together, changed how they practiced law, and left an indelible mark on their lives.

Niall and Jim will share how what appeared to be an ordinary case became extraordinary; and; how it unexpectedly brought them from the structured confines of federal court into the humbling world of a Civil Rights Icon. What started out as an employee protest over an employer's policy banning "disruptive and distracting" symbols from the workplace became a hard-fought battle pitting Niall and Jim against a scion of the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Nation.

Before third-party litigation funding was in vogue, this case exposed the importance of knowing the sponsors and funders of the litigation against you and your client and the very real risks associated with their involvement. The "sponsor" of the fight or litigation could be the law firm itself or an advocacy organization masquerading as a science-driven think tank. Sometimes the sponsor is something or someone much more sinister. This true story involves legal strategy, scare tactics, and a hate campaign. These ordinary trial lawyers who rose to do the extraordinary, along with their courageous corporate client, took on the fight with the Rule of Law as their guidepost to get not only justice but poetic justice.

You won't want to miss the story of this inspiring journey.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

IADC "101" Program

"I wonder how I can get the opportunity to speak at an IADC conference or Webinar?" "How can I get involved in leading a Committee or project?" "What are the best things I can do in IADC to increase my Business Development Opportunities?" "How can I get more involved with IADC?"

If you've ever asked yourself these questions, come hear the answers to these and many more in this practical session where you can learn all you need to know about the IADC. Whether you're a brand-new member, or have been around and have questions, come to this conversation with members of the Engagement and Retention Committee and others. Let's work together to elevate your IADC experience!

12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Open Scramble Golf Tournament (\$) - Shotgun Start

Here on the Orange County coast and named one of *Golf Digest's* "Best Places to Play," Monarch Beach Golf Links is modeled in the traditional Scottish links style. With tight fairways, firm greens, and striking scenery, the course is challenging yet playable. Finish your round on the stunning oceanfront back nine.

Open to all registered members, spouses, and guests.

The registration fee is \$385.00 USD per person and includes green fees, carts, boxed lunch, bottled waters, prizes, and tournament costs. Rental fees will be paid for by the individual.

Thank you to Golf Chairs Matt Brown and Mark Prost.

12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Orange County Brewery Tour (\$)

Orange County hosts some of the tastiest and most unique beers and breweries around. This coastal brewery tour will give you a one-of-a-kind glimpse into the growing community of craft



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breweries in Southern California. Each visit at a local brewery or taproom offers a selection of beer flights and tastings. Savor the classic IPAs, stouts, porters, and sip on new experiments with the freshest ingredients through a collection of rotating, seasonal, and limited-edition brews.

The registration fee is \$165.00 USD per person and includes round-trip transportation and beer flights at two local breweries.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable clothing.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tennis Mixer (\$)

Sign-up for informal and fun play! All levels welcome. The Tennis Mixer is held at the Monarch Beach Tennis Club Courts.

The registration fee is \$55.00 USD per person and includes court fees, tennis balls, rackets, and refreshments.

Thank you to Tennis Chairs Matt and Catherine Pietsch.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Pop-Up Shop – ZAGS

As part of our Speed-Networking for IADC Members activity on Monday at 3:00 p.m., we will have a Pop-Up Shop taking place at the same time. Don't miss IADC spouse and ZAGS SunWraps creator, Jennifer Horton's, hit sun wraps and other stylish wares. The Pop-Up Shop will take place on the Pacific Lawn.

Get a sneak peek by visiting www.zagslife.com.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Speed-Networking for IADC Members

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Networking can be one of the most powerful and productive activities an individual can do to enhance both their professional and personal relationships. And speed-networking, taking its cue from speed-dating, has emerged as a popular variation on the traditional business networking event. Structured and fast-paced, speed-networking allows participants to interact with others in a series of brief one-on-one exchanges in a round robin type format. IADC members: Expand your IADC network and relationships and be sure to register for this event.

This event is complimentary and open to IADC members ONLY, but registration is required to participate.

Thank you to Speed-Networking Chairs Trent and Sarah Spurlock.

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Under 45 Happy Hour

Invitation only.

We invite our Under 45 attendees to join Under 45 Co-Chairs Amanda Villalobos and Timothy Brinks for this casual happy hour which will be held at the [beachfront bar onsite](#) at the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach.

All drinks and food are on your own. Come down anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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International Steering Committee Business Meeting

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5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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Member Mix and Mingle (\$)

Meet up with friends and fellow attendees at 33 North Lounge before going out for the evening at this cash bar reception.

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

International Reception and Dinner (\$)

Invited guests will receive an emailed invitation prior to the meeting with a request to register.

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After Dinner Gathering (Featuring IP Trivia)

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On Monday evening, join us for trivia! Join members of the IP Committee to test your knowledge of IP all around you—logos, slogans, artwork, music, and more.

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

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Foundation Board Meeting and Breakfast

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Federal Preemption of Claims for Negligent Brokering of Truck Loads

Committee Co-Sponsors: Product Liability, Transportation

A circuit split exists as to whether or not claims based on negligent brokering of truck loads are preempted. This panel (with in-house counsel to be added) will explore the issues surrounding negligent brokering claims and how best to develop and preserve preemption for these claims.

Learning Objectives:

- The availability of the defense of FAAAA preemption to a claim of a broker's negligent hiring of the motor carrier.
- A split in the decisions between the 7th and 9th Circuits and the 11th Circuit makes the availability of the defense dependent on the jurisdiction.
- Practice tips in presenting and developing the FAAAA preemption defense.

Speakers: *Floyd G. Cottrell, Rawle & Henderson LLP, Hackensack, New Jersey USA; Patrick Loftus, Duane Morris LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA*

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

IP Lessons from Taylor Swift

Committee Co-Sponsors: Business Litigation, Intellectual Property

Taylor Swift has transformed the music industry not just through her musical genius, but in the Fearless enforcement of her intellectual property rights. This includes the protection of her name, image, and Reputation through trademark enforcement, unique approaches to enforcing her rights in her copyrighted music for Evermore when her label attempted to sell the rights to her catalog of songs, which had the artist seeing Red, and enlisting the help of the Swiftie fan base to change the way digital streaming platforms compensate musicians for their creative works. This interactive program will explore the principles of intellectual property using the backdrop of Swift's iconic music. You won't want to shake off this opportunity to learn how much fun IP can be!

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will learn about the nuances of trademark law and enforcement.
- Participants will learn the basics of copyright law, and more importantly about enforcement of copyrights for creative works.
- Participants will learn that IP is fun and interesting and encourage involvement with the IP committee.

Speakers: *Michael J. Kline, Roger Cleveland Golf Company, Inc., Huntington Beach, California USA; David L. Patron, Phelps Dunbar LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana USA; Gabriela Staber, CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna, Austria; Sandra J. Wunderlich, Tucker Ellis LLP, Saint Louis, Missouri USA*

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To Litigate or To Arbitrate--That is the Question: Recent Arbitration Developments That Question the Pros and Cons of Arbitration



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Committee Co-Sponsors: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Business Litigation, Class Actions and Multi-Party Litigation, Corporate Counsel, Employment Law, International Arbitration

The plaintiff bar has responded to mandatory arbitration and class action waiver provisions with real or threatened mass filings of individual arbitration claims, especially in consumer and employment disputes. Hear how the defense bar and arbitration organizations such as AAA and JAMS have responded and what to expect next.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will better understand the options for resolving preliminary injunctions in court vs. arbitration.
- Participants will better understand ways to help alleviate the potential burden of mass arbitrations.
- Participants will better understand new Supreme Court precedent regarding whether a district court can dismiss a case after granting a motion to compel arbitration of all claims.

Speakers: *Aaron Schaer, Ballard Spahr LLP, Seattle, Washington USA; Vanessa J. Szalapski, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA*

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Bullying in Litigation and Arbitration: Handling Rambo Tactics of Counsel, Clients, and Witnesses

Committee Co-Sponsors: Business Litigation, International, International Arbitration, Product Liability, Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation, Trial Techniques and Tactics

“Rambo” tactics can take many forms, but can essentially be characterized as aggressive and, in some cases, unethical conduct which is deployed in order to gain an advantage in litigation. Such tactics can range from professional discourtesy at one end of the spectrum to intentional misconduct which is aimed at pressurizing opponents into settling or dropping their case. The “win at all costs” mindset which often lies behind the deployment of Rambo tactics can be detrimental to the efficient conduct of litigation (delaying progress and increasing costs), harm the reputation of the legal profession, and make the litigation process significantly more stressful for clients, witnesses, and counsel. It is said that you should never wrestle with a hog - you’ll both get dirty, and the hog likes it.

The aim of this program is to identify common types of Rambo tactics, understand the ethical and professional rules which may be engaged, and provide a framework for dealing with such tactics without stooping to the same level.

Learning Objectives:



- Applicable rules governing professionalism for lawyers (this will involve an overview of an international jurisdiction to provide a comparative view).
- Court rules and other principles which govern what is, and what is not, permissible conduct in litigation.
- Identifying common types of Rambo tactics, and strategies for handling bullying conduct.

Speakers: *William J. Hubbard, Thompson Hine LLP, Cleveland, Ohio USA; Daniela Karollus-Bruner, CMS Vienna, Vienna, Austria; Michelle I. Schaffer, Campbell Conroy & O'Neil, P.C., Boston, Massachusetts USA*

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

ESG . . . Easy as 1, 2, 3: How Sustainability Can Create (Not Kill) Business

Committee Co-Sponsors: Corporate Compliance and Government Enforcement Actions, Corporate Counsel, Employment Law, Environmental and Energy Law, International

The European Union seems to be leading the way on the regulatory front with new directives such as the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD). While many other countries are taking alternative approaches, such as Latin America, many of these global requirements go beyond what the SEC had proposed for US companies. This ever changing and complex global regime is further compounded by the legislation on the state level, especially in California. Yet, the data confirms that companies that embrace ESG provide better value to their stakeholders. Here is a plan for a business to manage this new regulatory regime while still embracing all of the opportunities a successful ESG program can provide.

Learning Objectives:

- The impact of directives and regulations in the EU and the Americas are transnational and cannot be underestimated, since they would – under certain circumstances - apply to companies doing business in EU and the Americas and could come with sanctions in case of non-compliance. Discuss legal remedies of companies that have been sanctioned.
- We will discuss notorious cases involving ESG in jurisdictions in the EU and the Americas.
- Understand scope and applicability. Anticipating risks and strategy within global corporations doing business in the EU and the Americas. Best practices from the EU and Americas perspective.

Speakers: *Rita Bolt Barker, Wyche Law Firm, Greenville, South Carolina USA; Perrin Crews, FedEx, Memphis, Tennessee USA; Kamil Zawicki, Kubas Kos Galkowski, Warsaw, Poland*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Defending Against Attempts to Politicize the Judiciary: Ethical Dilemmas and Global Solutions

Committee Co-Sponsors: Civil Justice Response, International

Judicial systems are increasingly being influenced through political appointments processes, seen as influencing impartiality and eroding the public's faith in the integrity and independence of our judicial systems globally.

Through case studies from various countries, the panel will explore how political pressures are impacting judicial independence and the role lawyers can play in upholding independence and the rule of law.

Learning Objectives:

- How do different countries' systems allow for, encourage, and/or discourage politicization of the judiciary?



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- What are some of the proposed solutions to de-politicizing them?
- How can lawyers help restore trust in the judiciary and promote safeguards to independence, fairness, and neutrality?

Speakers: Stephen Markman, Michigan Supreme Court, Mason, Michigan USA; Mary Massaron, Plunkett Cooney, P.C., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan USA; Manuel Moctezuma, Moctezuma Castro S.C., Mexico City, Mexico; James R. Reilly, Alameda County Superior Court, San Francisco, California USA

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Book Review: *The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement*

[*The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement*](#) By Sharon McMahon

In this #1 *New York Times* bestseller, Sharon McMahon proves that the most remarkable Americans are often ordinary people who didn't make it into the textbooks. Not the presidents, but the telephone operators. Not the aristocrats, but the school teachers. Through meticulous research, she discovers history's unsung characters and brings their rich, riveting stories to light for the first time. The cast of improbable champions will become familiar friends, lighting the path we journey in our quest to make the world more just, peaceful, good, and free.

Author Sharon McMahon will join Book Review Chair Sherylle Francis by Zoom for this session.

The Book Review is complimentary for registered attendees and sign-ups are not required.

Thank you to Book Review Chair Sherylle Francis.

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Hey Judge! Whatcha Gon' Do with All That Junk, All That Junk Inside...Your...Case? How Have the Revisions to FRE 702 Affected the Admissibility of Expert Testimony and Junk Science Since the Changes Took Effect in December 2023?

Committee Co-Sponsors: Civil Justice Response, Product Liability, Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation

Changes to Federal Rule of Evidence 702 "Testimony by Expert Witnesses" took effect on December 1, 2023. The changes limit courts from admitting expert testimony unless the proponent establishes its admissibility by a preponderance of the evidence, and the court must find that an expert's opinion follows from a reliable application of the methodology to the facts at issue before the testimony is admitted.

We will review the extent to which the states have adopted similar changes to their rules of evidence. We will also examine how federal and state courts have applied these changes to expert admissibility over the last year and whether the courts are keeping out junk science as a result.

Learning Objectives:

- Is junk science being kept out of the courtroom since the implementation of the changes to Rule 702? We will look at the decisions since the changes took place.
- We will discuss successful strategies for keeping out experts who do not meet the new standards of Rule 702.
- We will evaluate the effectiveness of the rule changes, including whether states are following suit with changes to their own rules governing expert witnesses.

Speakers: Shayna S. Cook, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP, Chicago, Illinois USA; Eric Lasker, Hollingsworth LLP, Washington, District of Columbia USA; Lee Mickus, Evans Fears



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Schuttert McNulty Mickus, Denver, Colorado USA; Daniel K. Steen, Lawyers for Civil Justice, Arlington, Virginia USA

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Wellness Luncheon (\$)

Relax and spend time with fellow attendees at this Wellness Luncheon. A lunch buffet will begin at 12:30 p.m. and be available throughout the afternoon. *Appointments are not being held, but you are welcome to book a service at the spa or salon throughout the afternoon to add to your day of wellness. IADC attendees receive a 10% discount on spa services.*

The registration fee is \$75.00 USD per person and includes a private lunch and beverages.

Thank you to Wellness Luncheon Chairs Anne Lam and Shannon Prost.

12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sailing on a Vintage Schooner (\$)

Come sail along our Golden Coast on a historic schooner, an 82' wooden vessel designed by renowned American boat designer John Alden. This schooner was a champion in sailing races along the east coast during the 20s and 30s. Dana Point, rooted in nautical history, was described by author Richard Henry Dana as "the most romantic spot on the California Coast" after his sea journey from Boston to California via Cape Horn.

The registration fee is \$185.00 USD per person and includes round-trip transportation, an exclusive charter experience, and on-board refreshments.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable clothing with layers and dress for the weather. A hat and sunscreen are recommended for this tour.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Pickleball Mixer (\$)

Sign-up for informal and fun play at IADC's Pickleball Mixer! One of the fastest growing sports in America, pickleball is a mix between tennis, racquetball, and ping pong. The Pickleball Mixer is held at the Monarch Beach Tennis Club Courts.

The registration fee is \$55.00 USD per person and includes court fees, balls, paddles, and refreshments.

Thank you to Pickleball Chairs Bill and Mary Kelly.

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

iCivics Training Session

iCivics currently offers more than 300 high quality, nonpartisan, engaging, and proven impactful civic and history educational resources for K-12 students. Each year, more than 145,000 teachers, in all 50 states, utilize those resources to teach and inspire more than 9 million students.

The Foundation of the IADC has supported iCivics since its inception with grant money and coordinating volunteers. Please join us and our iCivics representatives as they lead an interactive session to introduce you to the tools that iCivics offers and how they are best used in the classroom. Upon completing this session, participants can use the knowledge and skills they've learned to promote iCivics in their local communities, including schools to which they may already be connected, to grow iCivics' reach nationwide.

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.



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iCivics Reception

This reception is for those who attended the iCivics training. All are welcome to the training.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

First/Second Timers, Current/Past Board Members, Sponsors, and Committee Chairs Reception

Invited guests will receive an emailed invitation prior to the meeting with a request to RSVP.

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

California Dreamin' Theme Party

Surf's Up! Come catch some waves with your fellow IADC members.

We're throwing it back to the '60s and the original surf town of Dana Point. Join your fellow IADC members for a casual evening on the Grand Lawn overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Relax by the fire with friends, enjoy delicious food and refreshments.

Southern California surfing inspired attire is suggested (board short, sun dresses). Come ready for a Surf Board Photo Op!

Please note: This onsite event will take place outdoors. Please be sure to check the weather and dress accordingly. Flats or wedges (no high heels) are recommended.

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6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Morning Run (Complimentary)

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7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Grab and Go CLE Breakfast

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7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Meet and Greet Breakfast

Join fellow attendees for breakfast to network, discuss ideas, or plan your day. Breakfast is available to all registered attendees. Meeting name badge required for entry.

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Desk

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7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Can We Really Do It All? Navigating the Legal, Practical, and Ethical Obligations of Family Leave, Childcare, Elder Care

Committee Sponsor: Social Justice Pro Bono



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Employees today often face care responsibilities on both ends of life, juggling parental leave and childcare with care for aging relatives. These issues have become increasingly important in hiring and maintaining attorneys and staff at all levels of practice. This program will examine the complex issues of caregiver support from legal, practical, and ethical perspectives. What are employers required to provide and what might employers want to provide? How can firms and companies best balance these sometimes-competing objectives as well as emerging trends and changes in perception of these issues. And how can we personally navigate these complex issues as they affect us in the work/life balance?

Learning Objectives:

- Work life balance is difficult, but there are ways to improve.
- There are multiple demands on time and resources aside from work.
- Law firms and other employers can use multiple avenues to help employees achieve work life balance.

Speakers: Beth Alexander, Asurian, Nashville, Tennessee USA; Kelly Hodges, Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau, New York, New York USA

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

New Approaches and Considerations to Defense and Valuation of Future Medical Damages in Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Litigation

Committee Co-Sponsors: Professional Liability and Trial Techniques and Tactics

This panel discussion is intended to address current strategies for addressing valuation of future medical damages by plaintiffs during discovery and at trial, including how to evaluate and counter plaintiff Life Care Plans and damages valuation theories, both economic (e.g., present value) and otherwise. There will be four panel members: (1) outside counsel to discuss how current approaches during discovery and trial; (2) insurance representative discussing how various approaches are evaluated and approved; (3) a Life Care Plan consultant on how such plans are prepared and methods of challenging them; and (4) a financial services or economics professional discussing valuation of future damages and alternative models and methods to use, including the Prudential Investor Rule. Practical discussion by the panel will include discussion of strategies that have worked in practice, how various jurisdictions use or require use of the PIR, discovery tactics for use with both plaintiff and defense-side experts, and evidentiary issues and arguments, including effect of the collateral source rule on admissibility of alternative damages theories and Life Care Plan critiques.

Learning Objectives:

- New and varied approaches to addressing future medical damages in catastrophic injury cases
- Challenge plaintiff-side Life Care Plan experts in a more substantive manner, addressing the qualifications of the expert to provide substantive medical opinions and his/her comportment with professional standards, using evidence-based information and reasonable and defensible valuations



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- Use of alternative methods to approach present value calculations of future medical costs

Speakers: Natalie T. Furniss, Nationwide Insurance, Columbus, Ohio USA; Scott KG Kozak, Sandberg Phoenix, Saint Louis, Missouri USA; Dubravka Tomic, Ph.D., BRG, Berkley, California USA; Aubrey J. Woody, III, InQuis Global, LLC, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina USA

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Product Liability in an E-Commerce World: Are Online Retailers Responsible for Third-Party Products?

Committee Sponsor: Product Liability

Product liability litigation throughout the United States has recently seen an uptick in cases against online retailers involving allegedly defective products sold by third-party sellers, many of whom are overseas. We will explore trends in this burgeoning litigation, and how it will impact online retailers and others in the chain of distribution. Will litigation of this nature force online retailers to change their business models?

Speakers: Darby V. Doan, Haltom & Doan, Texarkana, Texas USA; Katherine Lawler, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, Baltimore, Maryland USA

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Past Presidents Council Breakfast Meeting

Invitation only.

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Networking Coffee Break

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8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Winning the War For Talent: Finding, Developing, and Keeping Future Firm and In-House Leaders

Committee Co-Sponsors: Business Litigation, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, In-House and Law Firm Management

The practice of law is changing and with it, traditional law-firm and in-house organizational models and environments. Remote work, new technologies, retiring baby boomers, and newer lawyers with priorities that differ from generations past present unique challenges—and exciting opportunities. How do we identify, support, and guide future leaders to take over in this shifting landscape?

Panelists will speak about their successes and failures in (1) building and managing teams across multiple offices, job titles, and generations; (2) identifying and supporting promising individuals in taking on and thriving in leadership roles; and (3) taking into account and supporting diverse lawyers, lawyers with significant family support obligations such as child and elder care obligations, and neurodiverse lawyers.

Learning Objectives:

- Identification and cultivation of management skills in future leaders.
- Dealing with generational differences, retaining diverse lawyers, and supporting neurodiverse lawyers.
- Best practices for managing cross-office and cross-generational teams.



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Speakers: J. Nathan Cole, Kenney & Sams P.C., Boston, Massachusetts USA; Kersten Holzhuetter, Spencer Fane LLP, Kansas City, Missouri USA; Kendria Taylor, TG8 Solutions Insight, Fort Worth, Texas USA

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

But The Facts Are So Terrible! Changing the Narrative in Difficult Cases with Help from a PR Firm

Committee Co-Sponsors: Corporate Counsel, Product Liability, Trial Techniques and Tactics

David vs. Goliath cases. Sexual assault claims. Massive accidents. Racial allegations. Child abuse matters. Do you need help from a PR firm? What can we do when our client isn't Mother Teresa, or the allegations are those that raise natural emotional responses? When is the right time to acknowledge the elephant in the room? And when do we need to ask for outside help?

This panel will discuss successes and failures in trying cases where the scales are tipping to the other side before you even say a word and when it's best to make the leap to bringing in PR assistance and still protecting your communications.

Learning Objectives:

- How can you change the narrative of your bad facts?
- How can a PR firm help you and your client with external messaging?
- How can you maintain privilege while working with a PR firm?

Speakers: Glenn F. Bunting, G.F. Bunting + Co, San Francisco, California USA; Michelle Fujimoto, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., Irvine, California USA; Raquel E. Oluyemo, Sysco, Nashville, Tennessee USA; John T. Wilson, III, Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., Chicago, Illinois USA

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Ounce of Prevention and Pound of Cure: In-House Ethics and Compliance in the Real World and How Outside Counsel Can Support Emerging Needs

Committee Co-Sponsors: Corporate Compliance and Government Enforcement Actions, Corporate Counsel, International

Being a successful lawyer means occasionally navigating corporate compliance and ethics within the perspective of regulators and agencies, whether you're in-house or at a firm and have in-house clients. Ethics and compliance at a company are not the professional responsibility we are used to seeing in law firm environments, but more similar to the expectations of behavior and culture amongst a diverse group of people. As a lawyer, this means having authentic connections with business partners and colleagues and being someone people come to for solutions when questions arise that may be outside of a company code of conduct. Agencies and regulators are putting increased pressure on counsel and in some cases imposing personal liability in the US and globally. In-house counsel cannot navigate this space without the assistance of outside counsel. Tone At The Top matters for both in-house and outside counsel. Technology and workflow play a huge role in how lawyers manage this space whether that be issue management, internal complaints, hotline, or tipsters. Learn how to be a team player across generations and communication platforms when you have a matter to resolve.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand corporate compliance and ethics basics and how outside counsel fits into supporting this emerging space.
- Learn what to do in-house if you get a compliance or ethics investigation request internally or from a regulator. And, similarly, what should you do as outside counsel if your in-house



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client gets issued a compliance or ethics investigation request (and how to help avoid corrective action plans, deferred prosecution agreements, or personal liability of key corporate client stakeholders).

- See how in-house counsel navigate a global compliance and ethics environment using creativity, technology, and generational and cultural awareness to create efficiencies and results while finding ways to include outside counsel in corporate workflows.

Speakers: Denise Barnes, Bass Berry & Sims PLC, Washington, District of Columbia USA, Nicole M. Brunson, A.O. Smith Corporation, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin USA; Mary Katherine Stukes, Moore & VanAllen, Charlotte, North Carolina USA; Thomas Vasterd, Witteveen+Bos N.V., Deventer, Overijssel, Netherlands

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dolphin and Whale Watching Tour (\$)

Experience an unforgettable day at sea in Dana Point, known as the *Dolphin & Whale Watching Capital of the World®*. The flourishing waters outside of the harbor hosts a variety of sea life, including dolphins, harbor seals, and California sea lions. During this time of year, thousands of whales migrate along the California coast. Experience an up-close encounter with the ocean's beautiful creatures.

The registration fee is \$170.00 USD per person and includes round-trip transportation, tour staff, and an exclusive charter experience.

Important Details: Attendees should wear comfortable clothing with layers and dress for the weather. A hat and sunscreen are recommended for this tour.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Empowerment Collaborative Activity - BRAND-AID: Personal Branding Workshop (\$)

Although the term “personal brand” is new(ish), in reality *your* brand has been in the works for a while - in simple terms, it is what people consistently say about you and what you intentionally say about yourself. Being able to articulate what you stand for, precisely, can also serve as a North Star - a place to look to when evaluating opportunities and making decisions. This session will help you identify and define your brand, as well as empower you as you create your future self. And where does *LinkedIn* fit in? Even if you are not looking at *LinkedIn*, others are looking for YOU on this platform. Part of our session will be focused on presenting the best version of you on *LinkedIn*.

*The purpose of The Empowerment Collaborative (TEC) is to provide specialized support through the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee to enhance the development of skills, professionalism, and camaraderie of IADC's women members in order to further facilitate their continued personal and professional success. TEC events are open to everyone.

The registration fee is \$25.00 USD per person and includes snacks and refreshments.

Thank you to The Empowerment Collaborative Chairs Bernadette Catalana and Evelyn Davis.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

International Committee Business Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Member Mix and Mingle (\$)

Meet up with friends and fellow attendees at 33 North Lounge before going out for the evening at this cash bar reception.



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Dine-Around (\$)

The IADC invites attendees to dine together at some of Orange County's best restaurants. A list of participating restaurants and sign-up sheets will be available after the Opening Session onsite at the IADC Registration Desk.

Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. All costs associated with dinner, as well as transportation to/from the restaurants, will be the attendee's responsibility.

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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10:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

After Dinner Gathering

Wrap up your evening with a nightcap and camaraderie at this After Dinner Gathering held exclusively for IADC attendees at the 33 North Lounge and Terrace.

Beer, house wine, and non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary with your meeting name badge.

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6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

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A Witches' Brew: Defending Against Attorney General Litigation in Tandem with Class Actions and MDLs

Committee Co-Sponsors: Business Litigation, Class Actions and Multi-Party Litigation, Drug, Device and Biotechnology, Product Liability, Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation

Attorneys General are increasingly coordinating their civil litigation with parallel class actions and/or multi-district litigation. Hear from a panel of seasoned practitioners on current trends, emerging defense strategies, and best practices, including special considerations when settling one or more tracks in such parallel litigation.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand how the plaintiffs' bar and attorneys general are increasingly working together to promote and prosecute civil litigation.
- Advise your clients what to expect and how best to defend against such coordinated litigation.
- Advise your clients how best to position themselves to avoid such coordinated litigation.

Speakers: M. Patrick McDowell, Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC, Nashville, Tennessee USA; Douglas J. Moore, Irwin Fritchie Urquhart Moore & Daniels LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana USA; Harley V. Ratliff, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., Kansas City, Missouri USA

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

DOJ and Corporate Enforcement, Now and On the Horizon: Priorities, Programs, and Compliance

Committee Co-Sponsors: Business Litigation, Corporate Compliance and Government Enforcement Actions, Corporate Counsel, Medical Defense and Health Law

While anticipating changes in leadership and direction at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), this panel of seasoned practitioners will explore the Department's current corporate enforcement strategies. Topics will include compliance, whistleblower incentives, and policies on voluntary self-disclosure. The discussion will also look ahead to future expectations in corporate enforcement priorities for 2025 and their potential impact on both domestic and international businesses. Though no "crystal ball" is involved, attendees can look forward to a lively discussion packed with practical guidance for navigating the road ahead.

Speakers: Ashley Hoff, McDermott Will & Emery, Austin, Texas USA; Ryan Meyer, Katten Munchin Rosenmann LLP, Da, Texas USA; Amy F. Sorenson, Snell & Wilmer, Salt Lake City, Utah USA; Amy M. Stewart, Stewart Law Group, Dallas, Texas USA

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Stay a Step Ahead in the AI Race: Use Policies and Regulatory Trends

Committee Sponsor: Insurance and Reinsurance

Adoption of AI tools currently challenge many segments of the economy – most especially legal practice and insurance. Defense lawyers of all stripes are called on to both advise their clients regarding adoption, which includes policies governing use and consequences for misuse, and trying to keep pace with rapidly developing legislation, regulation, and litigation. And we thought cyber and privacy were challenging!



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At the same time, insurers and insureds alike are examining all of their policies, hunting for potential unintentional exposure, and striving to develop coverages that address a nascent risk. This session will explore the legal landscape and will rough out what AI use policies may address. A group of cyber, privacy and AI insurance experts will delve into the risk and the insurance policy language to look for when seeking coverage.

Speakers: *Monique Ferraro, The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut USA; Peter L. Hedberg, Corvus Insurance, Boston, Massachusetts USA; George Platsis, J.S. Held LLC, Lake Mary, Florida USA*

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

The Evolution and Challenges of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Rights for College Athletes: Current Issues and Emerging Revenue Sources

Committee Co-Sponsors: Intellectual Property, Trial Techniques and Tactics

Three letters have turned collegiate athletics on its head - NIL - since the 2021 US Supreme Court *Alston* decision. NIL (name, image, and likeness) has arguably had the biggest impact on collegiate athletics since desegregation in 1955. Since *Alston*, universities, student-athletes, collectives, and the NCAA are figuring out the NIL impact. From a legal perspective, there are legitimate concerns, such as the effect of state regulations and numerous legal actions, depending on your viewpoint, on the future of college athletics.

In November 2023, the Northern District of California certified three classes consisting of roughly 184,000 current and former student-athletes in a lawsuit against the NCAA, exposing it to more than \$1 billion in claims relating to current NIL-related restrictions. Then in December 2023, 32 women student-athletes filed a lawsuit under Title IX against the University of Oregon, *Schroeder, et al. v. University of Oregon*, because male counterparts received significantly more NIL-related training, opportunities, and income. In January 2023, the NCAA found itself engaged in another heated battle concerning its investigation of the University of Tennessee's NIL and recruiting activities, resulting in a lawsuit in the Eastern District of Tennessee, *State of Tennessee, et al. v. NCAA*.

We will provide attendees with an update on the continuing impact of the Supreme Court's ruling in *Alston* and examine the significant NIL related legal actions filed over the last two years.

Learning Objectives:

- Update on the impact of the Supreme Court case *Alston*.
- Analysis of recent class action and other lawsuits related to NIL .
- A description of the difference between NIL and Collectives.

Speakers: *Adonia Faumuina, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California USA; Leah Ford, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California USA; James K. Ordeneaux, Palunché Maselli Parkerson LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana USA; Edward Stewart, USC Irving, Texas USA*

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Modern Masterpieces of Email Communications: Creative Contemporary Strategies for Managing Your Inbox and Curating Effective Digital Communications

Committee Sponsor: Employment Law

Manage electronic communications like a “Young Master!”

This program provides practical tips to maximize your responsiveness to digital communications with a minimalist’s amount of effort. You will learn strategies to better manage the excessive volume of daily email traffic, the art of the “re line,” and how to use the AI that is already on your desktop to enhance efficiency.

The panel will cover the growing number of other digital communications (Slack, Teams Chat, other messaging system), how to avoid the drawbacks of autofill and email “reply all,” and how some U.S. companies and especially firms and companies in other countries are addressing email protocols and etiquette.

Learning Objectives:

- Become more efficient in composing email communications.
- Become more effective in your email messaging.
- Become more responsive to your clients (both internal and external).

Speakers: *Bernadette W. Catalana, Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP, New York, New York USA; Joel D. Eagle, Thompson Hine LLP, Cleveland, Ohio USA; Sylvie Gallage-Alwis, Signature Litigation AARPI, Paris, France*

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Wolf at the Door: Balancing Privileges, Cooperation and Other Considerations During Investigations of Corporate Clients

Committee Co-Sponsors: Business Litigation, Corporate Compliance and Government Enforcement Actions, Corporate Counsel

Recently, the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) has refocused its efforts on prosecuting corporate criminal activity. The panel will discuss recent cases specifically dealing with corporate internal investigations, attorney-client privilege and work product privilege (and waivers thereof), engaging outside accounting or public relations firms and implications therein, and the tactics and pitfalls in seeking cooperation credit from DOJ. The panelists consider these issues from unique and different perspectives: U.S. District Judge, law professor and former US Attorney, in-house corporate counsel to outside counsel to numerous large corporate clients.

Learning Objectives:

- Protect your corporate clients when conducting internal investigations.
- Balancing attorney-client privilege with cooperation credit when your corporate client is being investigated.
- The right and wrong way to secure cooperation credit and maintain privileges when representing corporate clients.

Speakers: *Don Cochran, Belmont Law School, Nashville, Tennessee USA; David C. Joseph, U.S. District Judge in the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana USA; Alyse Stach, Baker & Hostetler LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA; Nicholas A. Trutanich, Fox Corporation, Los Angeles, California USA*

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CLE Committee Meeting and Luncheon



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6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

IADC Foundation Art Auction Final Bidding

The IADC Foundation is holding an art auction during the Midyear Meeting. Be sure to check out the available items in the booklet found in your registration materials, and stop by the IADC Registration Desk throughout the week to see some of the pieces in-person.

Final bidding will take place during the *Nautical Nights* Closing Reception between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Pacific Ballroom Promenade.

Thank you for supporting the IADC Foundation and its efforts, and happy bidding!

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

***Nautical Nights* Reception**

7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

***Nautical Nights* Closing Party**

Set sail with the IADC for an unforgettable voyage at the *Nautical Nights* Reception and Dinner. Join us for an evening of maritime elegance, dinner, and cocktails. We'll spend our final evening together dancing the night away with live music by Rogue Radio. Anchors Away!

Evening business or cocktail attire is requested. (Navy blue and/or white preferred.)