

A Focused, High-Value Networking Opportunity

The **Professional Liability Roundtable** is designed as a true business development opportunity—bringing together outside counsel and insurance industry professionals in equal measure. It's a highly targeted environment where conversations are relevant, connections are meaningful, and relationships can grow. The PLR is a full-day program with insurance-focused morning sessions, followed by lunch and two afternoon tracks: professional liability and medical liability. [Grab details and register now.](#)

IADC
CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS

2026
Professional Liability
ROUNDTABLE

MAY 14
THE GLEACHER CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS USA

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

[IADConnects in Atlanta, GA](#)

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[2026 Regional Meeting – Tampa, FL](#)

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Chicago, IL USA

THURSDAY, MAY 21

[2026 Regional Meeting – Baltimore, MD](#)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

[2026 Regional Meeting – Toronto, ON Canada](#)

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[2026 Regional Meeting – Raleigh, NC](#)

SATURDAY, JULY 4

[International Arbitration Skills Academy](#)

Prague, Czech Republic

SATURDAY, JULY 4 - THURSDAY, JULY 9

[2026 Annual Meeting](#)

Prague, Czech Republic

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

[2026 Trial Academy](#)

Columbia, SC USA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**





BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following business development opportunities were afforded to members since the last issue of the *Docket* in January.

- In-Person Connection Events
 - 2026 Midyear Meeting
 - Regional Meetings in Mobile, AL and Chicago
 - IADConnects in Chicago
- 63 Monthly Substantive Law Committee Calls
- 7 published writing opportunities through our Committee articles
- 2 feature articles placed by our PR firm, Jaffe
- 7 member successes shared

CONGRATS WINNERS!

We received more than 50 nominations during the Winter IADC Membership Games campaign. Congratulations to our Overall Winner: Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee and our Small and Mighty Winner: Corporate Compliance and Government Enforcement Actions Committee. Members of the two winning teams will be invited to a special reception with the IADC.

RECENT EVENT RECAPS

2026 Midyear Meeting. More than 450 members, speakers, guests, and sponsors joined us in New Orleans for the 2026 Midyear Meeting. Leadership, including President Dominic Campodonico and the Planning Team, kicked off the event with a dynamic Opening Session, followed by standout keynote presentations from Neil deGrasse Tyson and Scott Hamilton Kennedy on law, ethics, and misinformation. This meeting was memorable for the IADC, and allowed our community time to come together for growth, friendship, and connection. Thank you to every single person in front of and behind the scenes who made this meeting a success.

IADCconnects in Chicago. On March 12, IADC members Bill Bulfer and John Harding hosted an informal happy hour in Chicago.



RECENT EVENT RECAPS



Mobile Regional Meeting. On March 19, IADC members and guests gathered for the Regional Meeting in Mobile, Alabama in honor of Third Year Board Member Henry Morrisette. Attendees enjoyed an incredible federal justice panel followed by a networking reception.

Corporate Counsel Training Academy, Chicago Regional Meeting, and Corporate Counsel College.

The IADC hosted three events in Chicago for newer corporate counsel, locals, and members and their clients. The Corporate Counsel Training Academy, Chaired by Zane Reister, welcomed 40 newer corporate counsel ready to learn from some of the best in the industry. CCTA speakers shared their best

inside industry tips, and the intimate atmosphere allowed attendees to really ask questions. Conference attendees and locals came together to connect during the Chicago Regional Meeting. Dean Spencer Silverglate led the Corporate Counsel College featuring timely content for in-house counsel, including DEIA, AI risk, and supply chains on trial, complemented by networking breaks and receptions that encouraged valuable connections.

COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS

[The DEIB Brief: Building Belonging in Law](#)

By Kenneth E. Sharperson

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee

[2025 Civil Justice Update](#)

By Mark Behrens

Civil Justice Response Committee

[Unknown Automobile Operators: How States are Vetting Unknown Driver Claims for Uninsured Motorist Coverage](#)

By Adam Rust

Transportation Committee

[Are Digital Applications Products? May the Best Analogy Win](#)

By Jason Rose, Sarah Scott, and Christian Coward

Product Liability Committee

[February Insights: Culture, Compliance, and Shifting DEI Landscapes](#)

By Kenneth E. Sharperson

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee

[The Fall of Chevron: How the End of 40 Years of Precedent May Impact the Product Liability Practice](#)

By Jennifer A. Creedon and Katherine R. Kossoy

Product Liability Committee

RECENT RESOURCES

[AI and Experts - Can an Expert Rely on AI and Satisfy Rule 702?](#)

By David A. Strauss and Adam P. Massey

Insurance and Reinsurance Committee

RECENT RESOURCES

WEBINARS

The Changing Landscape of Washington's Equal Pay Act: Court Decisions and Legislative Updates

Presented by - Intellectual Property Committee

Presenters: Nicole Demmon (Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani); Mary D. Haddad (Klinedinst PC)

Do I Need a License for That?

Presented by - Intellectual Property Committee

Presenters: Jennifer Haltom (Doan, Haltom & Doan); Sandra J. Wunderlich (Tucker Ellis LLP)

Advanced AI Overview and AI Prompt Techniques for Firm and In-House Attorneys

Presented by - AI Task Force

Presenters: Eric Brotten (AccentCare); Lisa Beth Lentini Walker (Marqeta)

Navigating AI Threats: Hallucinations, Slopsquatting, and Cybersecurity

Presented by - AI Task Force

Presenters: Walt Green (Phelps Dunbar LLP); Jason Hale (FTI Consulting)

To access the presentations and recordings, visit the [Past Webinar Materials page](#).

IADC SPEAKS PODCAST




**G.O.A.T. AND GOAT –
A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH
LETA GORMAN**
podcast episode
featuring Host Cecilia Lahaye
with guest Leta Gorman

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**WHAT THE LOCALS DO:
NEW ORLEANS**
podcast episode
featuring Host Jimmy Ordeneaux with Mindy
Brickman, Amber Barlow Garcia, and Magali Puenta

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**MORE THAN A NEW YEAR:
CELEBRATING CULTURE,
FAMILY, AND TRADITION
DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR**
podcast episode
featuring Host Melissa Lin, Kurt Gerstner,
Melissa Ho, Selena Kim, and Edmund Wan

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**LIVE FROM NEW ORLEANS:
WHAT MAKES THE 2026
MIDYEAR MEETING STAND OUT**
podcast episode
featuring Host Yasir Billoo with
guests Alex Fischer, Melissa Lin, and Kamil Zawicki

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**BULLYING IN THE
LEGAL PROFESSION:
DOES IT ACTUALLY WORK?**
podcast episode

featuring Host Amy Stewart with guests Michael Bassett, Judge Royal Furgeson, and Scott Stolley

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**A CHANGE OF HEART:
RESILIENCE, PERSPECTIVE,
AND LIFE AFTER TRANSPLANT**
podcast episode

featuring Host Matt Cairns with
guest Walter Judge

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**A LOOK AT THE
IADC 2026 CORPORATE
COUNSEL COLLEGE**
podcast episode

featuring Host Allison Ng with
guest Spencer Silverglate

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**PRO BONO IN PRACTICE
WITH ALI SPINDLER AND
VANESSA SZALAPSKI**
podcast episode

featuring Host Bridget Hoy with guests
Ali Spindler and Vanessa Szalapski

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YOUR ACCOLADES, WINS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

[Matthew S. Brown](#) was appointed by the Ohio Speaker of the House to the Ohio Election Integrity Commission for an initial two-year term. | [more](#)

[Christopher A. Kenney](#) of Boston, Massachusetts, announced the merger of Kenney & Sams, PLLC with Bowditch & Dewey, LLP. | [more](#)

[Robert M. Craig, III](#), Managing Director and Associate General Counsel for Berkeley Research Group, LLC, was featured by *Maneuver Law magazine* highlighting his 50-year legal career. | [more](#)

IADC member [Dixie T. Wells](#) and [Chris Flurry](#), both of Ellis & Winters LLP, authored an article on behalf of the IADC for *Modern Contractor Solutions'* January 2026 issue. | [more](#)

[Sarah J. Armstrong](#) and [Sharon L. Caffrey](#) became inducted as Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers. | [more](#)

IADC member [J. Nathan Cole](#) and [Herling D. Romero Adrianza](#), both of Cole Law Partners, P. C., authored an article on behalf of the IADC for *Modern Contractor Solutions'* March 2026 issue. | [more](#)

IADC SUCCESSSES

[Javier Gonzalez](#), a partner at Royston Rayzor, obtained a defense verdict in a tire failure case. | [more](#)

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

NEW MEMBERS

- [Jonathan Bender](#), Holland & Hart LLP, Denver, Colorado USA
- [Lane Bobo](#), Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC, Jackson, Mississippi USA
- [Irving W. Jones, Jr.](#), Balch & Bingham LLP, Birmingham, Alabama USA
- [Kohei Murakawa](#), Atsumi & Sakai, Tokyo, Japan
- [Darlene D. Peters](#), Irwin Fritchie Urquhart Moore & Daniels LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana USA
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- [Emily Runyon](#), Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, PLLC, Rogers, Arkansas USA
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- [Melisa Zwilling](#), Carr Allison, Birmingham, Alabama USA
- [Liam E. Felsen](#), FBT Gibbons LLP, Los Angeles, California USA
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- [Carlos G. Manalansan](#), EmblemHealth, New York, New York USA
- [Karen Painter Randall](#), Connell Foley LLP, Roseland, New Jersey USA

Please welcome our newest members to the IADC, and if you need a legal resource in their area, Think IADC First and reach out!

NOMINATE

If you know anyone who would be an excellent member, nominate them for IADC membership.

- [Monica Wilkins](#), MehaffyWeber PC., Beaumont, Texas USA
- [Nori Yokozuka](#), Perimeter Solutions, Ballwin, Missouri USA
- [Peter L. Choate](#), Tucker Ellis LLP, Los Angeles, California USA
- [Jeff Hern](#), Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, Portland, Oregon USA
- [Eric Hurwitz](#), Stradley Ronan, Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA
- [Iryna Kastsiuk](#), Stryker, Montville, New Jersey USA
- [James O'Shea](#), Hancock Estabrook, Syracuse, New York USA
- [Tanya Rolo](#), Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey USA
- [Eric Winder Sella](#), Plauché Maselli Parkerson LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana USA
- [Chase Fann](#), Spencer Fane LLP, Nashville, Tennessee USA
- [Mike Gentine](#), Arnold & Porter, Washington, District of Columbia USA
- [Hicham Khellafi](#), Honeywell International Inc., London, England
- [Chelsea Mikula](#), Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, Ohio USA
- [Jason Thomas Newman](#), Cardelli Lanfear P.C., Troy, Michigan USA
- [Nora E. Wolf](#), FBT Gibbons LLP, New York, New York USA
- [John DeLascio](#), Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois USA
- [James Gibson](#), Lightfoot, Franklin & White, L.L.C., Birmingham, Alabama USA
- [Leah Homan](#), Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Houston, Texas USA
- [Nathaniel Martinez](#), Mayer LLP, Houston, Texas USA
- [Kelsey O'Neil](#), Campbell Conroy & O'Neil, P.C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA
- [Chantal Peters](#), Burger, Meyer & D'Angelo, LLP, Seattle, Washington USA
- [Kyle Schwartz](#), Textron Systems, Hunt Valley, Maryland USA
- [Judy Selby](#), Tittmann Weix, New York, New York USA
- [Tori Simmons](#), Hill Ward Henderson, Tampa, Florida USA

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In honor of Robert H. Hood, Sr. for his immense contributions to the IADC and Trial Academy



The Foundation of the IADC is dedicated to supporting the rule of law and access to justice around the world. Part of that effort is ensuring lawyers are

well trained on how to represent their clients in the courtroom.

The Access to Justice Trial Academy Scholarship includes the registration fee (\$4,750) and a travel stipend (\$1,200). **Applications are due no later than May 6.**

For details on candidate qualifications, guidelines, and the application, [click here](#).



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