

The 2015 Planning Team looks forward to welcoming you to The Broadmoor for the 2015 Annual Meeting!

Planning Team (top to bottom, left to right): Tripp and Cara Haston; Joe and Karen O'Neil; and Laura and Joe De Santos

Welcome to Your Spring 2015 Docket!

The IADC *Docket* has transitioned into an online publication, making it more dynamic and interactive than ever. With this new digital version, we are able to expand content and give you access to more information and resources than we could before.

Click to play videos; connect to our social media platforms directly; read highlights and scroll through photo galleries from IADC events and conferences you may have missed; link directly to all of the resources the IADC has produced since the last edition of the *Docket*; and build business connections through successes and new members.

The *Docket* can be viewed optimally on computers, tablets, and mobile devices. Still a fan of print? You can view and print this <u>PDF version</u> which includes all the same great content.

If you have a professional success or a Think IADC Family First contribution for the next *Docket*, please email Ashley Fitzgerald, Communications Manager, at afitzgerald@iadclaw.org.



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INFORMATION ON UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The Election Process

Elections of new Board Members and Officers will take place at the Annual Meeting in July. Per our bylaws, any Member in good standing is eligible for nomination and election to any elective office in the IADC. At the Annual Meeting Closing Session, a Nominating Committee appointed by the President will report to the Association with its nominations to fill the following positions: President-Elect, Vice President of Insurance, and three new Board members. Additional nominations for these offices may be made from the floor at that time provided that the intention to make such a nomination, identifying the intended candidate(s), shall have been given to the Secretary no later than the Opening Session of the Annual Meeting. Information on how to submit testimony to the Nominating Committee will be published in the June IADC *Docket*. You can either provide comments onsite at the Annual Meeting or in writing prior to the meeting. The IADC will publish biographies in June of any member who wishes to be considered for the office of President-Elect. Please inform President Tripp Haston (thaston@babc.com or 1.205.521.8303) no later than Monday, April 20, 2015 if you wish to be considered for this position and want your biography published in June with the election materials.

Prohibitions on Campaigning

The IADC's policy is to prohibit public or private campaigning for a position on the Board of Directors or as an Officer. Members should not campaign on behalf of anyone whom they are supporting for a position on the Board or as an Officer.

Participate in the Process

We encourage all members to participate in the process. When providing comments to the Nominating Committee, you can comment on one open position or all open positions. If you don't have a particular member to endorse for the Board but want to offer input on the direction our leadership can go, you can do that as well.



2015 Annual Meeting An IADC Homecoming

We are preparing for a very special Annual Meeting, which will be held at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado - an IADC favorite! Whether this is your first trip or a return visit, you'll soon learn why this is truly *An IADC Homecoming*. Nestled in the natural beauty of the Colorado Rockies, The Broadmoor will provide five-star accommodations, dining, activities, and services.

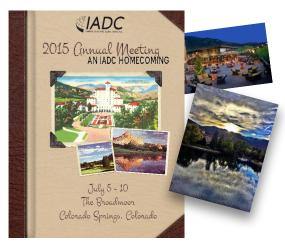
The educational component of the Annual Meeting will have something for everyone. We are pleased to have Ambassador Andrew Young as our Open Forum speaker. He will share his unique perspectives formed as a U.S. civil rights and global leader. Thank you Open Forum Chair Mark Beebe for organizing this program. Annual Meeting CLE Program Chair Alex Hagan and his committee have developed a stimulating line-up of cutting edge CLE programming. Programs will include topics such as key issues for corporate counsel, cyber liability, diversity in the 21st century, preparing witnesses to handle Reptilian tactics, and so much more.

Besides our great line-up of programs, Colorado Springs has so many outdoor activities to enjoy as an entire family. From Pikes Peak to fishing to mountain biking and more, it is all easily available.

As usual, our meeting will be filled with great social events including our *Welcome to Colorado Springs* Reception, *GO TEAM! Show Your Colors* Theme Party, and our *Stars Fell on Colorado* Reception and Gala. With our customary morning walks and runs, book review, family games, and other receptions, you will have plenty of opportunities to experience the IADC's signature fellowship.

The <u>full brochure</u> and <u>registration</u> are now available online.

For all details on the 2015 Annual Meeting, visit the <u>Annual Meeting page</u> on the IADC website.





IADC/FDCC Joint Law Firm Management Conference

Invaluable Programming —

The IADC and FDCC come together on May 13-15 to present their Joint Law Firm Management Conference at The Conrad in Chicago, Illinois.

This year's conference features invaluable programs that center around the theme "Turn and Face the Strange: Focus on What Matters." These well thought out and relevant programs will give you



the guidance you want and need to improve law firm management.

You will hear from **seven** Presidents/Past Presidents of the IADC, FDCC, or DRI; **four** Members/Past Members of the Board of Directors of the IADC, FDCC, or DRI; leading in-house counsel from *Altec, Inc., Constellation Brands, Georgia-Pacific, LLC, Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Mitsui Sumitomo Marine Management USA, Inc., and State Farm; and our valued sponsors <i>Altep, Crystal & Company, Exponent, Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP, and UnitedLex.*

Join us for this jam-packed program! You can <u>register online</u>, access the <u>meeting brochure</u>, view <u>speaker biographies</u>, and more on the <u>Joint Law Firm Management page</u> on the IADC website.

Great One Day Program Highlighting Professional Liability Topics PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY ROUNDTABLE

This year the Professional Liability Roundtable will take place on Thursday, May 28 beginning at 12:45 p.m. Program Chair Michael E. Brown of Kightlinger and Gray, LLP and a planning team comprised of IADC members have arranged a terrific lineup of pertinent CLE. The featured topics include defending the professional client who faces civil, criminal, and disciplinary charges; musings on the care and feeding of insurance claim professionals; and alternative fee arrangements and professional liability claims.

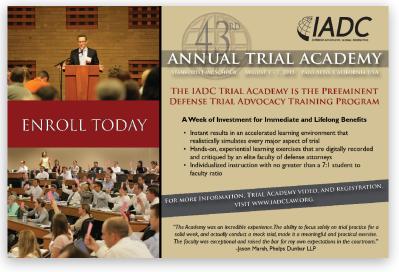
The Roundtable is returning to New York and will be held at D'Agostino Hall at New York University School of Law. This all-in-one afternoon timing and the location of the conference make it extremely accessible to those who cannot afford to spend a full day away from their practice.

The CLE sessions are followed by a cocktail reception from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with existing clients and be introduced to other insurance law professionals.

Take advantage of this great networking opportunity and <u>register</u> <u>now</u>. For full program information, visit the <u>Professional Liability</u> <u>Roundtable page</u> on the IADC website.



43rd Annual Trial Academy



The IADC's Trial Academy is the preeminent defense trial advocacy training program and is a career-changing opportunity. The 43rd Annual Trial Academy will be held August 1-7 at Stanford Law School in Palo Alto, California.

This year's class is filling up quickly, so <u>register today</u> to secure your spot! For more information, please visit the <u>Trial Academy page</u> on the IADC website.

GEORGE J. LAVIN, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR ONE TRIAL ACADEMY CANDIDATE

Do you know a good lawyer who works in the non-profit or public sector who could benefit from the 43rd Annual Trial Academy? Encourage them to apply today for the George J. Lavin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

The George J. Lavin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, funded by the law firm of Lavin, O'Neil, Cedrone & DiSipio, is intended to provide assistance to one Trial Academy candidate employed by a non-profit corporation, non-profit organization, or public sector entity. Successful candidates will demonstrate a dedication to this kind of practice and an interest in expanding their knowledge of trial law.

To <u>review the guidelines</u>, <u>view the application form</u>, or for more information about the George J. Lavin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, <u>click here</u>.



CORPORATE COUNSEL COLLEGE

Defending and Advising the Company: Strategies, Tactics and Solutions to Ever Changing Legal Challenges

The 2015 Corporate Counsel College will be held April 16-17 at The Ritz-Carlton in Chicago, Illinois. This two-day program is designed to provide essential insights for in-house counsel and those who represent them.

Programming highlights include:

- Attacked From All Sides: Defending the Company Against Simultaneous Actions by Regulatory Agencies, Attorneys General, and Civil Litigants
- · Mediating the Complex Case: How In-House Counsel Can Drive More Effective Results
- The Ultimate Battlefield: Attack on Your Brand During Litigation and Trial Strategies and Tactics for Defense and Counter Attack
- Spoliation: The Latest Effort by the Plaintiffs Bar to Focus Litigation on the Process Rather Than the Merits
- The Criminalization of Product Liability Law: How the Investigation of Product Recalls by Criminal Prosecutors Impacts Inside and Outside Counsel
- The Ebola Scare: Lessons Learned for All Employers

In-house counsel and insurance executives who would like to be hosted by outside counsel can also request to be paired up with an IADC member. Similarly, outside counsel looking for an in-house counsel to sponsor can be matched up with one if their own clients are unavailable to attend. Please contact Melisa Maisel at mmaisel@iadclaw.org if you are interested in this match program.



For <u>program information</u> on the Corporate Counsel College and <u>to register</u>, please visit the <u>Corporate Counsel College page</u> on the IADC website.



Upcoming Regional Meetings

April 9
New York, New York

April 15
Chicago, Illinois

April 20
London, England - Joint BIICL Event

May 7

Columbia, South Carolina

May 14-15 Lisbon, Portugal

June 1
Toronto, ON Canada

June 4
Portland, Oregon

June 18
Birmingham, Alabama

For event and registration details, please visit the <u>Regional Meeting page</u> on the IADC website.

Encourage Law Students to Enter the 2015 Legal Writing Contest: Prestige and Prizes Abound!

If you have law students working for your firm or company or you teach at a law school, encourage them to enter the IADC's annual Legal Writing Contest by the May 15, 2015 deadline. Winning and honorable mention entries are considered for publication in the *Defense Counsel Journal*. First, second, and third place winners also earn cash prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500, respectively. Entrants must write on subjects in the fields of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence, or other areas of the law of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation. The contest is judged by a committee of the IADC. For more information, <u>click here</u> or contact Melisa Maisel, Professional Development Manager, at mmaisel@iadclaw.org or 1.312.252.3801.

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SCENES FROM THE 2015 MIDYEAR MEETING MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

The Midyear Meeting took place February 14 - 18 at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort in Marco Island, Florida. The meeting was extremely successful with fantastic speakers and CLE programs, great fellowship opportunities for attendees, and lots of Florida charm.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on putting this conference together. A special thanks goes out to Chip



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Magid who led the CLE planning efforts of the CLE Steering Committee along with Deborah Cole, the CLE Committee Chair. Another big thank you goes to the Midyear Meeting Planning Team of Tripp and Cara Haston, Convention Chairs Laura and Joe De Santos, and Joe and Karen O'Neil. We also want to thank our Midyear Meeting sponsors: Welcome Reception Sponsor SEA, Ltd., Ryder Cup Golf Tournament Sponsor Exponent, and Meet and Greet Breakfast Sponsor Thomas G. Oakes Associates.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Midyear Meeting on February 20 - 25 in Pebble Beach, California!



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Do you know of a client or colleague who would be an excellent addition to the IADC? Nominate her or him today!

The <u>nomination form</u> can be found on the IADC website under the "IADC Membership" tab.

You can also find the form on the IADC's mobile site at www.iadclaw.org on your mobile device by clicking "Nomination Form/Sponsorship Form."



IADC Successes

Eve B. Masinter, Partner at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., was named to the 2015 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers*. Eve was recognized in New Orleans in the category of Labor and Employment.

Thomas G. Segalla, Partner at Goldberg Segalla, was Editor of the new Reinsurance Deskbook from Thomson Reuters and DRI. Another contributing editor was IADC member **Daniel W. Gerber** of Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo, NY.

Wendy J. Miles, Partner at Boies, Schiller & Flexner (UK) LLP, was appointed as Queen's Counsel on January 15, 2015.

Craig A. Thompson, Board Member and a partner at Venable LLP, was recently selected to become a member of The National Black Lawyer - Top 100. The National Black Lawyer - Top 100 is an invitation-only professional honorary organization composed of the top 100 black lawyers from each state who serve individuals, families, and businesses needing attorneys to represent them in the American legal system.

Jennifer Haltom Doan, a partner at Haltom & Doan in Texarkana, Texas, was recently named a Pro Bono Champion in the February 2015 issue of the *Texas Bar Journal*.

<u>Dominick W. Savaiano</u> joined national law firm Wilson Elser as Partner in February.

Bruce Stanley, Stockholder at Henderson Franklin in Fort Myers, FL, has maintained Florida Bar Board Certification in Civil Trial Law for 30 years.

M.C. Sungaila, Partner at Snell & Wilmer, was recently honored with a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award from California Lawyers Magazine. Ms. Sungaila also assisted the ABA in publishing a new book in early 2015 titled "From the Trenches: Strategies and Tips from 21 of the Nation's Top Trial Lawyers." She was the only appellate lawyer to contribute to the resource book. She also recently received the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association's Attorney of the Year Award.

Brian O'Connell formerly of Zizik, Powers, O'Connell, Spaulding & Lamontagne, P.C. joined Tucker, Saltzman & Dyer, LLP, Scott Tucker's firm in Boston, and the firm is now known as Tucker, Saltzman, Dyer & O'Connell, LLP.

The Wiggin and Dana Products Liability Practice Group, co-chaired by IADC members <u>Alan Schwartz</u> and <u>Kevin Smith</u>, both Partners at the firm, recently received the *Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2015 Litigation Award for Products Liability.



IADC Successes

<u>Jeffrey R. Lilly</u>, Partner at Gordon & Rees, LLP, authored an article entitled "Proposed E-Discovery Amendments Are Only the First Step" for *Texas Lawyer* on February 12, 2015.

<u>Deborah K. St. Lawrence Thompson</u>, Principal at Miles & Stockbridge P.C., was selected to receive the Practitioner of the Year Award from the University of Maryland's Francis King Carey School of Law Black Law Student Association.

The New Jersey Law Journal honored Goldberg Segalla partner Anita Hotchkiss with a Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing the significant impact she has made on the practice of law and the defense of complex pharmaceutical, medical device, and other products liability cases.

IADC President and Partner <u>Tripp Haston</u>, Partner <u>Lela Hollabaugh</u>, Partner <u>Charles Stewart</u>, and Partner <u>William F. Goodman</u>, <u>III</u>, all attorneys at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, were listed in *The International Who's Who of Product Liability Defence Lawyers 2015*.

Allen Gibson, of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP, was named President of the American College of Construction Lawyers for the 2015-2016 term.

J. Calhoun Watson, of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, was recognized in the latest edition of *Chambers USA* – America's Leading Lawyers for Business for the category of general commercial litigation. He was also honored at the *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly's* 2015 Leadership in Law awards dinner held Thursday, March 12, 2015.

WEBINARS: A VALUABLE MEMBER BENEFIT

IADC Webinars offer members and their colleagues the opportunity to view complimentary educational programs from the comfort of their home, office, or anywhere in the world.

We are now recording our Webinar presentations in order for members to view them if they have a conflict during the scheduled presentation time or if they would like to access them afterward for reference. Please visit our Past Webinar Materials page under the "Members Only" section at www.iadclaw.org to view the Webinar recordings. If a Webinar has a recording, you will find the recording as a web link under each Webinar listing. Webinar recordings are released two weeks after a Webinar takes place.

To view the upcoming list of Webinars, please visit the Webinar page under the "Education & Events" tab on the IADC website.

Click on the member's name to view their firm or LinkedIn profile.



IADC RESOURCES Here's the latest IADC resources since the last issue of the Docket:

WEBINARS

- Hot Topics in Employment Law: What Every Client Needs to Know About Current EEOC Initiatives: January 7 (Presentation and Recording)
- The Art of Influencing the Mind of the Modern Juror: January 28 (Presentation and Recording)
- Doing Business in Europe: What a US Employer/His Advisor Must Know: March 18 (Presentation and Recording)

AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS

- IADC Joins Industry and Medical Amici Coalition in Support of Daubert Standard in District of Columbia Courts
- IADC Amicus Summary: Visiting Nurse Ass'n of Florida, Inc. v. Jupiter Med. Ctr., Inc.
- IADC Amicus Summary: Take Home Asbestos Cases, California Supreme Court
- IADC Amicus Summary: Ramos v. Brenntag Specialties, California Supreme Court

To read about these amicus curiae briefs, view the "Recent IADC Amicus Briefs" section on the Amicus Curiae page on the IADC website.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDES

The Insurance and Reinsurance Committee created a 50 State Insurance and Bad Faith Quick Reference Guide that provides insurance and reinsurance information on the 50 U.S. states. Information in the Guide includes: 1st Party COA, 3d Party COA, Statute of Limitation, and Damages Recoverable. Access the <u>online version here</u>.

COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS

From January 1 through March 13, IADC Committees published 25 newsletters. The following Committees published newsletters during this time: Business Litigation; Diversity; Drug, Device and Biotechnology; Employment Law; Fidelity and Surety; Insurance and Reinsurance; International; Medical Defense and Health Law; Product Liability; Professional Liability; Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation; and Transportation.

To view the newsletters, please click on the Committee to go to its Committee Business page where the newsletters are archived. If you would like to join a Substantive Law Committee, please email Maria Juarez, Administrative Assistant, at mjuarez@iadclaw.org.



IADC In The News



The Ins and Outs of Amicus Briefing: The Increasing Influence of Amicus Briefs by M.C. Sungaila (January 5)

The Ins and Outs of Amicus Briefing: What Do Organizations Look For in Deciding to Lend Amicus Support by M.C. Sungaila (February 5)

The Ins and Outs of Amicus Briefing: Fitting the Puzzle of Amicus Briefs
Together in a Case by M.C. Sungaila (March 5)



<u>Lawyers Weigh in on High Court</u> <u>Trademark Tacking Ruling</u> featuring Anthony Viola (January 22)



7 Things for Attys to Watch As Oil Prices
Plunge featuring Jim King (January 23)



The Growing Problem of Spoliation
Sanctions by Jeff Lilly (March 20)



6 New Technologies to Help You Win at Trial featuring Alex Hagan (March 26)



Upcoming Events

April 16 - 17, 2015

Corporate Counsel College

The Ritz-Carlton - Chicago, Illinois USA

May 13 - 15, 2015

IADC/FDCC Joint Law Firm Management Conference

The Conrad - Chicago, Illinois USA

May 28, 2015

Professional Liability Roundtable

New York University School of Law New York, New York USA

> July 5 - 10, 2015 Annual Meeting

The Broadmoor - Colorado Springs, Colorado USA

August 1 - 7, 2015

43rd Annual Trial Academy

Stanford Law School - Palo Alto, California USA

For more information about Regional Meetings, Webinars, or these events, be sure to visit our <u>Upcoming Events page</u> on the IADC website.

Save the Date

International Corporate Counsel College

15 - 16 October 2015 • Hilton Vienna Plaza • Vienna, Austria









Registration and program information will be available this summer at www.iadclaw.org.

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