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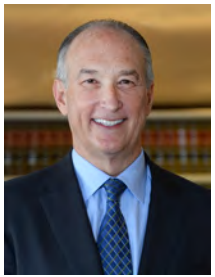

Andrew Kopon Jr.
IADC President

President's Message

The Rule of Law is on the docket for the IADC. At the Midyear Meeting in La Quinta, California, we heard powerful personal statements from Immaculée Ilibagiza detailing how she survived the Rwandan genocide, and from Bill Browder, co-founder of Hermitage Capital Management, whose Russian tax lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, was murdered due to corrupt government officials when he refused to perjure himself against his client. These accounts demonstrate the catastrophic damage that results from the absence of the Rule of Law.

On April 26, 2018, Rod J. Rosenstein, United States Deputy Attorney General and second highest ranking legal official at the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ), will be the keynote speaker at the IADC Corporate Counsel College in Chicago, IL. Mr. Rosenstein will address the importance of the Rule of Law. Mr. Rosenstein's unique position in the USDOJ will offer special insight into the complexities of the Rule of Law in the U.S.

Lawyers may not always be held in the highest esteem by the general public. So, it was good to hear from the President of the American Bar Association, Hilarie Bass, at the recent ABOTA Roundtable Conference held in Washington, DC, attended by the leadership of the IADC, the sister defense associations, and the plaintiffs' bar associations, that recent surveys show that lawyers are held in greater esteem today than at any other time in recent history because of the awareness that lawyers are important champions of the principles of democracy and the Rule of Law. Bass also referenced a recent report from the Law School Admission Council showing that, as of mid-January 2018, law school applications rose 11 percent from 2017, reversing a downward trend. *U.S. News & World Report* (January 29, 2018) reported that experts attribute the increase, in part, to the 2016 election and the many subsequent headlines involving lawyers and judges that have served to inspire young people because they realize that lawyers can make a difference.

The critical importance of the Rule of Law is universal and seems to be in the headlines around the globe almost every day. For example, when the IADC recently held its Latin America Regional Meeting on March 21-22, in Lima, hosted by Domingo Rivarola Reisz, we witnessed the President of Peru, Pablo Kuczynski, resign his position on March 21, rather than face impeachment proceedings for corruption that were scheduled to begin on March 22, 2018.

As trial lawyers and global advocates we may not find ourselves on the world stage as advocates for the Rule of Law. But, our importance to the preservation of the Rule of Law in the courtroom or arbitration proceeding on behalf of our clients cannot be undervalued. If our client

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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 comments 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 Andy Kopon (akopon@koponairdo.com or 1.312.506.4450) no later than May 1, 2018 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.

2018 Annual Meeting - Lisbon, Here We Come!

We are preparing for a very special 2018 Annual Meeting at the EPIC SANA Lisboa in Lisbon, Portugal. We know you will love it and we invite you to explore the art, architecture, history, culture, geography, and lifestyle of the country.

The educational component of the Annual Meeting has something of interest for everyone. We are pleased to have Mr. José Manuel Barroso, past President of the European Commission and past Prime Minister in Portugal, as our Open Forum speaker. Thank you to Open Forum Chair Manuel Barrocas for helping to organize this program. Annual Meeting CLE Program Chair Steven Rosenhek and his Committee have developed a line-up of programs that highlight important and prominent topics. Programs will include artificial intelligence; challenges in opioid litigation; what you need to know about blockchain; how to win trademark infringement lawsuits and influence jurors; and many more.

The IADC is working with a local tour company in Lisbon to offer a wide variety of tours and activities with multiple offerings each day for the entire family. More information and registration materials for tours will be available in April. Members will receive an email with all of the information when it becomes available.

To register and for all details on the 2018 Annual Meeting, please visit the Annual Meeting page on the IADC website.

April Programs Designed for Corporate Counsel

A Practical Primer for New In-House Counsel

Corporate Counsel Training Academy

April 25, 2018 | The Ritz-Carlton | Chicago, Illinois USA

The Corporate Counsel Training Academy is a half-day, complimentary primer offering practical information for those who have been in-house counsel for 0-3 years.

Program highlights include:

- Keynote Speaker Jack M. Greenberg, retired Chairman of Western Union Company and retired Chairman and CEO of McDonald's Corporation
- Expectations and Opportunities - What it Takes to Succeed In-House
- Ethical Challenges - Unexpected and Unintended

The program will be an intimate classroom setting with a maximum registration of 25 attendees. It will take place the day before the IADC Corporate Counsel College, and Training Academy attendees are invited to stay and attend the Corporate Counsel College, complimentary as well.

For program information and to register, visit the Corporate Counsel Training Academy page on the IADC website. *Please share this website link with your clients or colleagues if they are a fit for this program!*

Corporate Counsel College

April 26 - 27, 2018 | The Ritz-Carlton | Chicago, Illinois USA

The Corporate Counsel College is a two-day program designed specifically for in-house counsel and their trusted outside advisors. The brochure and registration information are available on the Corporate Counsel College page.

Programs include:

- Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Rod J. Rosenstein, United States Deputy Attorney General
- LEARN: Four Lessons from the Dean of the Corporate Counsel Bar, Ben Heineman, Jr., Former GC at General Electric
- WIN: Reporting from the Front - Lessons Learned From Today's Most Prominent Litigations
- PREDICT: Future of Trump and Congress - Midterms, Relevant Corporate Policies
- COMPLY: It's a Small World After All - Acting Global, Complying Local
- MANAGE: Alternative Fee Arrangement Reality Check
- PROTECT: Best Practices for Avoiding and Managing Data Breaches
- INNOVATE: Leveraging Legal Tech and Legal AI
- EVOLVE: Shifting Societal Norms Creating A New Normal for Employers

46th Annual Trial Academy

The IADC's Trial Academy is the preeminent defense trial advocacy training program.

This seven-day, intensive program will give a tried-and-true trial lawyer the opportunity to fine tune their advocacy skills or an associate the trial experience they are lacking.

The 46th Annual Trial Academy will be held July 28 to August 3 at Stanford Law School in Palo Alto, California.

Commit to sending someone from your firm to the Academy today.

Once they finish the program, they will walk away with more experience, motivation, and courtroom confidence which will lead to immediate and lifelong benefits.

Enroll today and for full program details, visit the Trial Academy page 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 46th 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 review the guidelines, view the application form, or for more information about the scholarship, click here. ***Applications will be accepted through April 2.***

AFTERNOON PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY TOPICS

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY ROUNDTABLE

This year the Professional Liability Roundtable will take place on Thursday, May 17 beginning at 12:45 p.m. Program Chair Cal Watson of Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, and a planning team comprised of IADC members have arranged a terrific lineup of pertinent CLE. The programs center around the theme "Monsters in the Closet" and topics will include artificial intelligence, cyber risk, and the diminished capacity of professionals.

The Roundtable is returning to Chicago and will be held at University of Chicago, Gleacher Center. 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 the office.

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

Take advantage of this great educational and networking opportunity. For full program information and to register, please visit the Professional Liability Roundtable page on the IADC website.

UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

The IADC organizes Regional Meetings in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia to provide members and guests the chance to convene for short educational programs and connect with one another a bit closer to home. These popular meetings are free of charge, open to guests, and provide an opportunity to discuss relevant issues with local members of the Association. We hope you can join us at one of our upcoming meetings.

April 5 - San Francisco, California USA

April 25 - Chicago, Illinois USA

May 10-11 - Singapore

June 4 - Toronto, Ontario Canada

June 13 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma USA

For event and registration details for each of our upcoming Regional Meetings, please visit the Regional Meeting page on the IADC website.

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- Jon Kyl
Senior Of Counsel, Covington & Burling LLP
U.S. Senator from Arizona (1995-2013);
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There are three categories of membership:
1. Associate Members
2. Corporate Members
3. Defense Bar Organizations

Our **Associate** members come from top defense firms and have significant trial and appellate experience, enabling LCJ to write stellar Comments urging reform for submission to the Judicial Conference.

Our **Corporate** members come from Fortune 500 companies and represent a variety of industries spanning insurance, pharmaceutical and manufacturing industries.

The **Defense Bar Organizations** include DRI, the leading organization of defense attorneys; the IADC, the preeminent international legal association of corporate and insurance defense attorneys and insurance executives; and FDCC, a group of recognized leaders in the defense legal community.

Join Us: LCJ's strength is our volunteer experts from our member companies and law firms. We continue to build a track record of successful advocacy only with the participation of leaders like you.

To become part of LCJ's network, please notify us of your interest in joining by emailing LCJ Executive Director Andrea Looney at alooney@lfcj.com. Click here to view a current list of members.

SCENES FROM THE MIDYEAR MEETING

The Midyear Meeting took place February 10 to 15 at La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta, California. The meeting was successful with extremely relevant CLE offerings and lots of social activities.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the Midyear Meeting. A special thanks goes out to Bob Redmond who led the CLE planning efforts of the CLE Steering Committee along with Eric Lasker, the CLE Committee Chair. Another big thank you goes to the Midyear Meeting Planning Team of Andy and Lynn Kopon, Convention Chairs Donna Lamontagne and Tom Patriarca, and Craig Thompson and Deborah St. Lawrence Thompson. We also want to thank our Midyear Meeting sponsors: SEA, Ltd., Exponent, Lighthouse eDiscovery, Tsongas, Berkeley Research Group, LLC, RGL, and MRC.

In Memoriam

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of this IADC member.

Daniel Mitchell
Tampa, Florida USA

New *Committee Chair Corner* Articles

In August, the IADC debuted a new feature on the homepage of our website - the *Committee Chair Corner,* which is a column written by our different Committee Chairs highlighting their Committee's activities and ways you can get involved.

Click any of the photos below to read the latest published articles.

If you would like to join any of the IADC Substantive Law Committees, please email Maria Juarez, Registrar, at mjuarez@iadclaw.org.

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IADC Merchandise Now Available!

The IADC is now selling merchandise! Visit our IADC store for branded items that are available for purchase that will help show your association pride. From t-shirts to luggage tags to mouse pads, we've got lots of options!

https://www.zazzle.com/iadc_store

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

To learn about some of the key ways you can utilize the benefits of your membership, view our Welcome Membership Packet.

IADC FOUNDATION UPDATES

Foundation Board Updates

The IADC Board of Directors re-elected Wendy May, Donna Burden, Jim Rogers, and Daniela Karollus-Bruner for another term on the IADC Foundation Board at the 2018 Midyear Meeting in La Quinta, California. The IADC Foundation Board re-elected Wendy May, Mark Beebe, and Donna Lamontagne to their respective positions as President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations!

2018 Midyear Meeting Auction

The Foundation of the IADC had its first art auction as well as a raffle and live auction at the 2018 Midyear Meeting. It was a truly special event with members and family members giving their time, talent, and money to help The Foundation. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated in the event. With your support, we were able to raise nearly $58,000 for the Foundation.

For a list of winning bidders and donors for the items from the auction, click here.

Also, congratulations to Chris D'Angelo, who was the winner of the 2018 Midyear Meeting raffle prize, a three night stay for two people with breakfast each morning and two spa treatments at the EPIC SANA Lisboa, home of the 2018 IADC Annual Meeting.

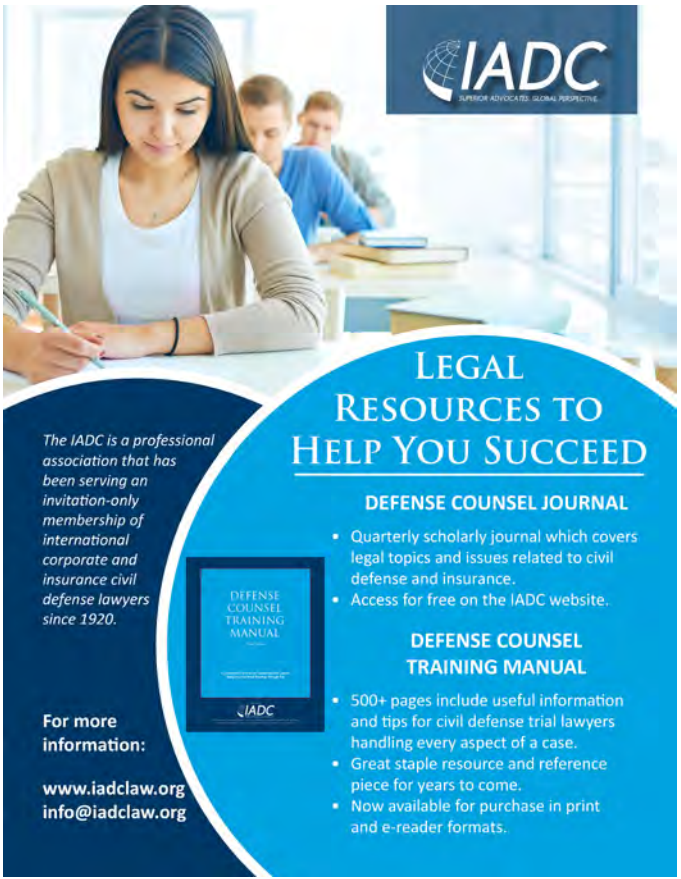
For more information on the work of The Foundation and to donate, visit www.iadcfoundation.org.

Rex Linder Receives Torchbearer Award

At the Midyear Meeting Past Presidents Dinner, President Andy Kopon presented IADC Past President Rex Linder with the Torchbearer Award. With this award, President Kopon wanted to recognize an IADC member who has carried the torch for the IADC high and bright for a long period of time.

Rex and his wife, Laurie, have done just that. They have not missed an Annual or Midyear Meeting since Rex joined in 1985. Rex led the IADC as President in 1998-1999. Rex has brought three of his partners into the IADC, and they have been very active members. The IADC is a family effort for the Linders with their daughters Jamie and Stacie still active in the association. Stacie is married to IADC member Mark Hansen.

Rex exhibits the best qualities of an IADC member and the IADC appreciates his past and continued dedication to the association. Congratulations, Rex!



President's Message continued...

does not obtain a fair hearing or trial, due to corruption or bias in the process or the failure of a judge or jury to follow the applicable law, then the undermining of the Rule of Law prejudices our client.

The IADC is vigilant in offering resources to help our members to advance the Rule of Law on behalf of their clients. For example, the IADC offers outstanding appellate support through the efforts of our *Amicus* Committee led by Kendall Harrison. The IADC offers many platforms for keeping our members well-informed of the latest developments in the law impacting our practices, including free Webinars, Regional Meetings, monthly Committee newsletters, monthly Committee meeting calls, and articles in our preeminent peer-reviewed quarterly *Defense Counsel Journal*.

This spring we are also offering a new half-day Corporate Counsel Training Academy the day before our Corporate Counsel College program in Chicago on April 25, 2018. This new, free Corporate Counsel Training Academy is designed to assist lawyers who have been working as in-house counsel for 0-3 years. The attendees will learn from seasoned corporate counsel about what it takes to succeed as in-house.

Finally, Chris Kenney will lead the IADC's crown jewel Trial Academy at Stanford University from July 28 to August 3, 2018. Nancy Erfle will serve as the Trial Academy Director-Elect. Last summer, registration for the Trial Academy closed out in the spring. So, register your young lawyers early for the invaluable learning experience that is gained by participating in a week long intensive trial program at Stanford University. The IADC Trial Academy is a win-win proposition. The lawyer that you select to attend the Trail Academy will enhance their trial skills and they will be grateful to you for identifying them as a rising star in your firm.

The IADC's Annual Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, promises to be an exciting event for the entire family. My thanks to Steve Rosenhek and his CLE Steering Committee for their work in putting together an outstanding CLE program for the meeting and to Donna Lamontagne and Tom Patriarca for leading our meeting as General Convention Chairs. And thank you Manuel P. Barrocas, our Open Forum Chair from Lisbon, for obtaining the distinguished Mr. José Manuel Barroso as the Open Forum speaker. The social activities planned for the Annual Meeting will find us visiting some very interesting and historic venues in Lisbon. Lynn and I hope to see you there.

- Andy Kopon

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IADC RESOURCES

Here are the latest IADC resources since the last issue of the Docket:

WEBINARS

- WannaCry? Counseling Clients Facing Ransomware Attacks: January 24 (Presentation and Recording)
- The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill All the Lawyers: January 31 (Presentation and Recording)
- Canadian Class Actions Reform: March 7 (Presentation and Recording)
- Plan for Success - Strategies to Win at Mediation: March 14 (Presentation and Recording)

COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS

From January 8 to March 14, IADC Committees published 20 newsletters. The following Committees published newsletters during this time: Civil Justice Response; Corporate Counsel; Cyber Security, Data Privacy and Technology; Employment Law; Insurance and Reinsurance; International Arbitration; Medical Defense and Health Law; Product Liability; Professional Liability; Transportation; and Trial Techniques and Tactics. 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, Registrar, at mjuarez@iadclaw.org.

If you'd like to nominate someone for IADC membership, click here.

IADC In The News

Dust in the Wind: The Threat of Airborne Lead From Construction Sites by Chas Reynolds (*Construction Executive*, February 14, 2018)

Health Law Daily Wrap Up, STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVES: Packing the health industry's data issues into the blockchain featuring comments from Doug Vaughn (*Wolters Kluwer*, February 16, 2018)

Technology has not replaced need for paralegals featuring comments from Deb Cole (*ABA Journal*, February 2018)

Overcoming The Mistrust of Science In An Alt-Fact Age by Kirstin Abel (*Law360*, February 22, 2018)

Estée Lauder, EEOC Agree to Settle Paid-Child-Bonding-Leave Case featuring comments from Jeff Beemer (*Society for Human Resource Management*, March 9, 2018)

The IADC is investing resources into a PR firm to help place IADC members as experts in articles. Articles are linked if we have permission to share them.

IADC Successes

Eve Masinter, a partner at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., was named a *Louisiana Super Lawyer* in the category of Employment & Labor.

Jeptha F. Barbour, a shareholder at Marks Gray PA, obtained a defense verdict in a wrongful death case in November 2017.

R. Bruce Barze and **M. Todd Lowther** formed new law firm Barze Taylor Noles Lowther LLC in Birmingham, Alabama USA.

Martin J. Healy joined law firm Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C. as Principal.

Christopher A. Kenney successfully obtained a defense verdict in a complex shareholder dispute case after a three-week jury trial.

Scott Tucker and **Brian O'Connell** renamed their firm Tucker, Dyer & O'Connell, LLP.

Nancy Erfle, a partner at Gordon & Rees, was named one of *Law360*'s 2017 MVPs of the Year.

IADC members **Jennifer Cooper** of Baker Donelson, **Ken Meyer** of McCarter & English, and **Jim Kochinski** of Crawford & Company secured summary judgment in U.S. District Court in Newark for Crawford.

Rod Freeman, an international products partner at Cooley, was named to *The Lawyer*'s annual Hot 100 list.

Christopher B. Parkerson, a member at Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy, P.C., was appointed to the firm's Board of Directors.

Jennifer Haltom Doan of Haltom & Doan had a massive courtroom success for Hewlett Packard Enterprise in the Eastern District of Texas.

M.C. Sungalia, a partner at Haynes and Boone, LLP, was honored as a top lawyer by *Super Lawyers* in the Appellate category and by the Orange County Women Lawyers' Association as their 2017 Attorney of the Year.

Eric Watt Wiechmann, a partner at McCarter & English, was selected as a member of the Connecticut chapter of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Charles E. Reynolds, a partner at Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP, was appointed as a member of the Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee.

Tamela J. White, a member and founding attorney of Farrell, White & Legg PLLC, successfully assisted the Kentucky Court of Appeals in its *Maggard vs. Kinney* case.

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

Upcoming Events

April 25, 2018
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May 17, 2018
Professional Liability Roundtable
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois USA

July 7-12, 2018
Annual Meeting
EPIC SANA Lisboa
Lisbon, Portugal

For more information about Regional Meetings, Webinars, or these events, visit our Upcoming Events page.

IADC Successes

Archibald T. Reeves, IV, a member of McDowell Knight Roedder & Sledge, L.L.C., successfully represented *The New York Times* in challenging the sealing of Harper Lee's estate.

J. Calhoun Watson, a member of Sowell Gray Robinson, co-authored a new book *The Law of Legal Malpractice in South Carolina*. The book is intended to serve as a useful and accessible resource for attorneys and insurance professionals in South Carolina.

Mary Bartkus, Special Counsel at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, authored a paper for the Social Science Research Network titled "Six Class Actions for 16 Microliters: Eye Drop Litigation Reopens in New Jersey, Is Dismissed in Massachusetts, and Is On Appeal to the First Circuit. Hedging and Forum Shopping. A Media Rush to Judgment."

Jonathan W. Brogan, a member of Norman Hanson DeTroy, LLC, became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Bryon Rice and **Kate Skagerberg**, of Beck Redden, were named 2018 Texas Rising Stars by Thomson Reuters *Super Lawyers*. Bryon was recognized for Business Litigation and Kate was recognized for PI-Products: Defense.

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