



*International Association
of Defense Counsel*



“The most valuable things about the organization to me are the friends I’ve made and the assistance we provide one another all throughout the country.”

- Lyn P. Pruitt

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WHAT IS THE IADC?

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) is an elite international organization of around 2,500 peer-reviewed in-house counsel, insurance executives, and outside counsel representing business entities across the world. The IADC’s extensive in-house counsel and insurance executive membership results from the Association’s long history as a champion of the legal interests of the business community and its leadership in civil justice reform. For private practitioners, membership in the IADC provides a singular opportunity to network with potential clients, distinguished colleagues and influential referral sources in a unique collegial environment.

A PREEMINENT INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The IADC’s membership is comprised of leading members of the trial bar and in-house counsel and insurance executives from large, mid-size and small companies. IADC members hail from small firms, litigation boutiques, regional powerhouses, and national and international giants from every American state and around 35 countries on five continents.

Most international centers of banking, industry and commerce, including London, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Sydney, Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo and Bermuda, have resident members. Distinguished insurance executives and legal counselors to business join the IADC to promote the interests of their clients, their employers, and the profession. For those who are active in the IADC, membership is an outstanding opportunity to network with prominent in-house counsel, preeminent defense lawyers and insurance executives from around the world.

“The value I have received from membership in the IADC has paid for itself over and over again.”

- Shaun McParland Baldwin
Tressler LLP, Chicago, Illinois USA



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PART OF THE IADC

The IADC exists to enhance its members' legal skills and business opportunities. In pursuing this mission, the Association has established many distinguished organizations and programs that provide fora for in-house counsel, insurance executives and outside lawyers to work together to advance common objectives. These include:

Among the many corporations that have been active in the IADC are:

ACE Group
AON Corporation
Bayer Corporation
ConocoPhillips Company
Ernst & Young
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Federal Express
Georgia-Pacific, LLC
Johnson & Johnson
Lockheed Martin Space Systems
Michelin North America, Inc.
Microsoft Corporation
Pfizer
Shell Oil Company
The Coca-Cola Company
Union Pacific Railroad Company
GMAC Insurance
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company
Liberty Mutual Group
Minnesota Lawyers Mutual
National Indemnity Company
Sentry Insurance

- The **IADC Corporate Counsel College** and **International Corporate Counsel College**, showcasing highly respected panelists and speakers who address the challenges faced by in-house counsel, insurance executives, and their advisors;
- **Lawyers for Civil Justice**, to counteract rapidly accelerating litigation costs, runaway jury verdicts, and routine awards of punitive damages;
- The **IADC Legislative Rapid Response Program**, to promote the rapid dissemination of information about legislation likely to impact defendants in civil litigation;
- The **IADC Amicus Curiae Program**, to improve the civil justice system through appellate advocacy on defense issues of broad application;
- The **Defense Research Institute**, to provide broad-based education for the defense bar;
- The **IADC Trial Academy**, an intensive one-week course of study to provide realistic training for trial lawyers representing corporations and insurers;
- The **Foundation of the IADC**, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the practice of corporate and insurance counsel and improving the civil justice system.

Membership in the IADC adds value to your professional life in a way that sets it apart from any other organization. The IADC takes action on behalf of the business and insurance communities and their outside counsel. Members build business relationships and lifelong friendships with colleagues from around the world. The Association's small size, superior legal events, and carefully crafted programs and activities uniquely foster professional and personal growth, and business success.



UNMATCHED CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The IADC provides educational and leadership opportunities for the entire membership, as well as unparalleled specialized and regional programming. Speakers at recent IADC meetings include The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, Richard Armitage, Marian Wright Edelman, Senator Mel Martinez, U.S. Ambassador Ronald P. Spogli, and many other distinguished judges, professors, and lawyers.

In addition to the highly popular Corporate Counsel Colleges and the Trial Academy mentioned earlier, the Association offers the following educational opportunities to serve its members, their clients, and the legal community:

Annual and Midyear Meetings. The two largest IADC meetings combine timely CLE, committee business meetings and internal programs, and networking and social opportunities. CLE formats include small and large groups, workshops, and hands-on training.

Professional Liability Roundtable. This day-long program offers insight into key professional liability issues that face small, medium size, and large firms.

Regional Meetings. The IADC organizes Regional Meetings in North America, Asia and Europe for members and guests to convene for short educational programs and networking. These popular meetings are free of charge, open to guests and provide an opportunity to discuss relevant issues with local members of the Association.

Webinars. IADC Webinars (Internet-based seminars) provide members and their companies with complimentary one-hour educational opportunities presented by IADC members who are leading experts in the subject matter. They constitute a highly efficient and valuable benefit to members and their entire firms.

PARTICIPATION THROUGH IADC COMMITTEES

The heart of the Association is its more than three dozen committees, through which members network, develop advanced skills, and advance the objectives of the defense bar and business community. Substantive law committees are open to all members, and are excellent venues in which to share ideas and connect with others with similar interests and expertise. Committees meet at the Annual and Midyear Meetings and communicate between meetings via newsletters, phone conferences, and online.



SCHOLARLY OPPORTUNITIES

The IADC promotes academic dialogue through the publication of its quarterly *Defense Counsel Journal*. Published continuously since 1934, the *Journal* is an internationally respected publication that focuses on topical and scholarly legal issues involving substantive law, procedures and trial techniques. In member surveys, the *Defense Counsel Journal* ranks as one of the most useful and utilized member services.

The IADC also offers all members the opportunity to contribute articles to substantive law committee monthly newsletters, which provide up-to-date information on important legal developments.

MEMBERSHIP THAT REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The IADC seeks a membership that reflects the diversity of the profession and the world in which its members live and practice. The IADC actively promotes an environment of inclusion in which varied backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences are shared and valued.

THE IADC INVESTMENT

The benefits of IADC membership are funded through annual dues. Of course, meeting registrations and attendance may involve additional costs. However, the cost of membership, whether paid by one's firm or by the individual member, is more than outweighed by the advantages bestowed upon active members and their employers. For more information on the International Association of Defense Counsel, contact the IADC at 312.368.1494 or visit www.iadclaw.org.