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## Leveraging Diversity and Inclusion for Success

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CST

### Dear IADC Member:

Please join us for a complimentary Webinar (Web-based seminar produced through Adobe Connect) sponsored by the IADC Diversity and Inclusion Committee on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 for (1) hour beginning at:

10:00 AM PST / 11:00 AM MST / 12:00 PM Noon CST / 1:00 PM EST

### HOW TO REGISTER:

**ONLINE REGISTRATION!** Although there is no fee to attend, you must register so that the IADC can plan accordingly for the number of interested participants. [Click here](#) to register online. You must be logged in with your IADC username and password in order to register. If you are registering multiple participants from the same firm, please register each participant individually.

We hope that you will join us for this exciting and informative program. If you have any questions, please contact **Melisa Maisel Vanis, Director of Professional Development**, at [mmaisel@iadclaw.org](mailto:mmaisel@iadclaw.org) or by telephone at 312.368.1494.

### THE PRESENTATION:

#### Leveraging Diversity and Inclusion for Success

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, business has changed and will continue to change. The world has become increasingly globalized and diversity is increasingly becoming a reality within the workplace, in our cities, and in our countries. The legal profession is not immune from these changes. Join us as we discuss why adopting and leveraging diversity and inclusiveness within your legal practice is not only good for business, but is critical for your development as an exceptional and professional legal counsel.

### **THE MODERATOR:**

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Amy Sherry Fischer is a shareholder at Foliant, Huff, Ottaway, & Bottom in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She is a graduate of the University of Tulsa (B.A.) and University of Oklahoma College of Law. She has extensive experience in the areas of product liability, particularly drug and medical products, personal injury, and medical liability. Ms. Fischer is actively involved in mass tort litigation, including class actions and toxic torts. She also defends insurance companies in direct actions and businesses in commercial disputes. She is President of the International Association of Defense Counsel.

### **THE PRESENTERS:**

**Fernando Garcia ([fgarcia@cargojet.com](mailto:fgarcia@cargojet.com))**

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Fernando Garcia is currently the VP Legal at Cargojet Inc. He has an MBA, with a specialization in Strategic Management, civil and common law degrees, a Master of Industrial Relations, and a Bachelors of Arts degree in Labour Studies. Mr. Garcia enjoys speaking and writing about advancing diversity and inclusiveness within the legal profession, as well as speaking about the future of law and how technology is changing and will change the profession. He was named the Thought Leader of 2018 by the Association of Corporate Counsel and Lexology, and received the Professional Contribution Award from the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association. He was also the recipient of the 2017 Innovatio Award for Diversity: Small Law Department, was named one of the Top 25 Most Influential in the justice system and legal profession in Canada by *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*, and was named as one of the "10 Most Influential Hispanic Canadians" by *Canadian Hispanic Business*. He was also the recipient of the 2015 "Tomorrow's Leader" award at the Canadian General Counsel Award.

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Emmanuèle Lutfalla, after 26 years practicing in both major international law firms and top tier French law firms, became one of the founding partners of the Paris office of Signature Litigation AARPI. She heads its French insurance/reinsurance practice. Emmanuèle was recognized as a "thought leader" in *Who's Who Thought Leaders 2018*. She is also ranked in *Who's Who Legal France: Product Liability Defence 2019*, which notes that she "draws recommendations from peers across the EU, the USA, and Asia." She has a post-graduate degree from the University of Paris II, as well as from the University of Kent, Canterbury, G.B. She was admitted to the Paris Bar in 1992. She has previously worked in various French and English law firms. Her main activities concern the insurance and civil liability sector, especially industrial risk, urban planning, and building law and reinsurance. She has amassed a wealth of international experience and has participated in numerous seminars, conferences, and symposia in the field of insurance law. She is a member of the IADC, and served as the Vice President of International on the Board of Directors for three years (2014 – 2017). Previously, she served as Chair of the International Committee and of the Continuing Education Committee for several years.

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