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C. William Busse, Jr. Honored by Statewide Defense Attorney Association

Chicago, IL - C. William Busse, Jr., president of the Chicago law firm of Busse, Busse & Grasse, P.C., has received the President's Award from the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC) for his work with the Illinois legislature.

The IDC is the premiere association of attorneys in Illinois representing business, corporate, professionals, and other individual defendants in civil litigation. With nearly 1,000 members, the IDC is the voice of the defense bar in Illinois, and is working to ensure a level playing field for all parties in the Illinois civil justice system.

2009 IDC President Gregory Cochran selected Mr. Busse for the award. President Cochran noted Mr. Busse wrote and spearheaded the introduction of IDC legislation, designed to protect the rights of defendants in Illinois civil court cases. President Cochran said, "We must resist these ongoing attempts to tilt the scales of justice against defendants."

"Bill has demonstrated a strong commitment to maintaining and increasing the IDC's profile in Springfield," said Cochran. "We appreciate his dedication and creativity as we work alongside the business, insurance, and medical communities in support of a fair and impartial civil justice system."

Mr. Busse is a current member of the Board of Directors of the IDC. In his practice with Busse, Busse & Grasse, P.C., he concentrates on defense of tort litigation. He has authored numerous legal articles, many of which have been featured in the nationally recognized IDC legal publication the *IDC Quarterly*. A frequent guest speaker, Mr. Busse has also made a number of television appearances as a panelist to discuss legal issues.

The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC) was organized in 1964 and currently has nearly 1,000 members. The purpose of the organization is to promote improvements in the administration of justice and enhance the service of the legal profession to the public; to encourage the prompt, fair and just disposition of tort litigation; to enhance the knowledge and improve the skills of defense lawyers; to advance the equitable and expeditious handling of disputes arising under all forms of insurance and surety contracts and to work for the elimination of court congestion and delays in civil litigation.

Membership in the IDC is open to any attorney who is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois; who is engaged actively in the practice of law either privately or on behalf of his/her corporate employer; who is of high professional standard; and who devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional practice to the representation of business, corporate, insurance, professional or individual civil litigants involving tort, contract, insurance, employment, municipal or business matters, and do not, for the most part, represent plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.

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