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### **John P. Lynch, Jr. Re-Elected to Board of Statewide Defense Counsel Association**

Chicago, IL - John P. Lynch, Jr., a partner in the Chicago law firm of Cremer, Spina, Shaughnessy, Jansen & Siegert, LLC, has been elected to a third term on the Board of the Directors of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC). 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.

During Mr. Lynch's first two terms as a director, he has helped the association establish a stronger presence with the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield. A key goal of the IDC is to resist ongoing attempts to tilt the scales of justice unfairly against the rights of defendants in the Illinois civil court system. As he begins his new three year term, Mr. Lynch will work with the business, insurance, and medical communities in support of a fair and impartial civil justice system.

Mr. Lynch brings to the board more than 20 years of trial lawyer experience. His practice with Cremer, Spina, Shaughnessy, Jansen & Siegert LLC is concentrated in the defense of transportation, product liability, construction and commercial cases. In 2002, The Law Bulletin Publishing Company selected him as one of the "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch."

For more than a decade, Mr. Lynch has been active member of the IDC. He has taken on the complex task of coordinating Fall Conferences which offer continuing legal education for Illinois attorneys. He has authored numerous articles, and a regular monthly column, which have been published in the nationally recognized IDC legal journal the *IDC Quarterly*.

The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC) was organized in 1964 and currently 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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