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Joseph A. Bleyer Elected to Board of Statewide Defense Counsel Association

Chicago, IL - Joseph A. Bleyer of the Marion law firm of Bleyer & Bleyer has been elected to the Board of 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.

Mr. Bleyer brings more than 20 years of defense trial litigation experience to his leadership position with the IDC. He will serve a three year term as a director.

A native of Southern Illinois, Mr. Bleyer has been an active member of the IDC for more than a decade. He is a strong proponent of the IDC's mission to fight for a level playing field for defendants in the Illinois civil courts system, and as a director he will work with the business, insurance, and medical communities in support of a fair and impartial civil justice system.

Mr. Bleyer is a 1986 graduate of the Southern Illinois University School of Law. In addition to the IDC, he is a member of the Defense Research Institute as well as the Williamson County, Illinois State, and American Bar Associations.

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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