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Kenneth F. Werts Elected to President-Elect for Statewide Defense Attorney Association

Chicago, IL - Kenneth F. "Ken" Werts of the Mt. Vernon law firm of Craig & Craig has been sworn in as President-Elect of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC). As President-Elect, Werts serves on the executive board of the nearly 1,000 member association of civil defense attorneys. He will become President of the IDC in 2010.

Werts brings to the IDC more than 25 years of experience as an attorney. In his capacity as President-Elect, he will assist the association with its ongoing efforts to publicize the need for a level playing field for all parties in the Illinois judicial system.

Werts is a graduate of SIU School of Law, and is a member of the Jefferson County, Illinois State, and American Bar Associations. He is also a member of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel. His practice with Craig and Craig is concentrated on workers compensation law, black lung, occupational disease law, and personal injury litigation.

Werts has authored numerous articles on workers compensation law, and is a frequent speaker on employment law issues.

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