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### **Linda J. Hay Elected to Board of Statewide Defense Attorney Association**

Chicago, IL - Linda J. Hay, a partner in the Chicago law firm of Alholm, Monahan, Klauke, Hay & Oldenburg, LLC 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.

Ms. Hay was elected by a vote of the IDC membership to a full three year term on the Board. She had previously been appointed to the board in 2008. During her tenure as director, Ms. Hay has assisted the IDC in working with the business, insurance, and medical communities in support of a fair and impartial civil justice system.

A graduate of The John Marshall Law School, Ms. Hay brings more than 20 years of defense trial and appellate work to her leadership position with the IDC. In her practice with Alholm, Monahan, Klauke, Hay & Oldenburg, LCC, she is an active trial litigator and concentrates on defense of professional liability cases.

Ms. Hay has been ranked by her peers as a Top 50 Female Lawyers in Illinois, and as an Illinois Super Lawyer, every year since 2005. The Super Lawyer ranking identifies the top five percent of lawyers in the state, based upon research and surveys conducted by *Law and Politics* magazine.

Ms. Hay regularly presents seminars on risk management and has authored numerous legal articles. She served as Editor-in-Chief of the IDC's nationally recognized legal publication *The Quarterly* in 2006.

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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