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R. Howard Jump Elected 2nd Vice-President of Statewide Defense Attorney Association

Chicago, IL - R. Howard Jump founder of the Chicago law firm of Jump & Associates PC, has been elected 2nd Vice-President of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC). Mr. Jump is in line to become President of the IDC in 2012. 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 with the business, insurance, and medical communities in support of a fair and impartial civil justice system.

Mr. Jump is a graduate of Mercer University, Walter F. School of Law. An active litigator, Mr. Jump's practice is concentrated on insurance tort defense, coverage disputes, appellate practice and mediation.

Mr. Jump is a frequent guest speaker on legal issues and has authored numerous articles on insurance law. He has served as an instructor for Illinois attorneys in continuing education classes and has served on the faculty of the IDC's Trial Academy. For his leadership within the IDC, he has been awarded the IDC President's Commendation, The Meritorious Service Award, and the IDC Distinguished Member Award. Mr. Jump has also received the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Distinguished Service Award.

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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