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R. Mark Mifflin Re-Elected to Board of Statewide Defense Attorney Association

Springfield, IL - R. Mark Mifflin of the law firm of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, has been elected to a second term on the board of directors of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC). As a director of the IDC, which represents nearly 1000 civil defense attorneys statewide, Mifflin contributes his expertise on tort issues in the Illinois Legislature, pointing out legislation and cases which undermine fundamental fairness in the Illinois judicial system. Mifflin will continue to work with the IDC to emphasize the need for a level playing field for all parties in the Illinois judicial system.

Mifflin is a graduate of SIU School of Law, and a former Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of Illinois. His practice with Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes is concentrated on insurance defense litigation. He also lobbies before the Illinois General Assembly. Mifflin has tried cases in state and federal court and has handled cases on appeal in the Illinois Appellate Court, the Illinois Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The United States District Court judges in the Central District of Illinois appointed him to serve as chairman of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee.

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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