



IDC Leadership 2018-2019

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C. William Busse, Jr. is the President of the law firm of *Busse, Busse & Grassé, P.C.* He has more than 33 years of legal experience handling civil jury trials and appeals. Mr. Busse has concentrated his practice in the defense of tort and insurance coverage litigation. He has handled hundreds of personal injury and wrongful death cases in various Illinois venues, including automobile, trucking, premises liability, product liability, aviation and construction injury claims, as well as fire and explosion and property damage claims. Mr. Busse served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Defense Counsel from 2002 to 2014 and is a co-author of, *The 50 Year History of the IDC*. Mr. Busse previously served as the chair of the Civil Practice Committee and currently co-chairs the IDC Legislative Committee.

Donald Patrick Eckler is a partner at *Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered*, handling a wide variety of civil disputes in state and federal courts across Illinois and Indiana. His practice has evolved from primarily representing insurers in coverage disputes to managing complex litigation in which he represents a wide range of professionals, businesses, and tort defendants. His record of success includes numerous summary judgments, several successful trial results and multiple favorable appellate results.

In addition to representing doctors and lawyers, Pat represents architects, engineers, appraisers, accountants, mortgage brokers, insurance brokers, surveyors and many other professionals in malpractice claims. His commercial litigation experience involves complex contract disputes and defense of class-action lawsuits. Pat's coverage practice for insurers and insureds involves commercial general liability and personal lines policies, issues involving the duties to defend and indemnify, bad faith, and the application of exclusions. His tort defense work involves representing nursing homes and long-term-care facilities, product manufacturers and distributors, trucking concerns and premises owners.

John Eggum is a partner at *Foran Glennon Palandech Ponzi & Rudloff, P.C.*, with a practice concentrating on insurance coverage disputes and commercial litigation. With respect to insurance coverage matters, he has represented a variety of insurance companies in both third-party and first-party matters, including mass tort, cyber/technology liability, and professional liability disputes. John also represents both private and public companies (including financial institutions) in commercial disputes around the country. John is frequently retained by insurers and other creditors to provide representation in insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings.

John's law degree was obtained, with distinction, from The University of Iowa College of Law. He has two undergraduate degrees, in finance and political science, which were also obtained from The University of Iowa. Following law school, John served as the law clerk to the Hon. Bruce A. Markell in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada, in Las Vegas.

Terry Fox of *Flaherty & Youngerman, P.C.*, Chicago, has practiced in and around the Chicago area since 1991 in federal and state trial and appellate courts, as well as administrative tribunals. The subject matter of Terry's practice has



ranged from traditional insurance defense to employment, condominium, civil rights disputes, and trended more in the commercial dispute area presently.

Terry has chaired the insurance coverage committee for the IDC, written for *The IDC Quarterly*, been involved in the vaunted *IDC Survey of Law*, organized charity bowling fundraisers, assisted with the Spring Seminar, and helped organize the fabled St. Louis INSURANCE SYMPOSIUM that set the standard for years to come. Currently, Terry is a member of and helps with the Government Law and Insurance Coverage committees.

Seth D. Lamden is a partner in the insurance policyholder practice group of *Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg* in Chicago. He concentrates his legal practice on assisting policyholders in enforcing their rights to insurance coverage and has been instrumental in recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance proceeds for policyholders from a broad array of industries.

Seth has been a member of the IDC since 2003 and is the current chair of the IDC's Insurance Law Committee. He also served as the chair of the IDC's Insurance Law Committee in 2013. Seth has written nine book chapters and authored or co-authored more than 40 articles on topics relating to insurance coverage, including nine articles that appeared in the *IDC Quarterly*. He has also been a featured speaker at more than 35 insurance law seminars, including five IDC seminars. He received an IDC President's Commendation for his role in organizing the IDC Risk Transfer Workshop in 2013. Seth was profiled as one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company and he is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*© (Insurance), *Illinois Super Lawyers—Insurance Coverage*, and the *Leading Lawyers Network—Insurance Coverage & Reinsurance Law*. He also maintains a *Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™* rating (Peer Review Rating 5.0 out of 5.0).

Mark J. McClenathan is a shareholder with *Heyl Royster Voelker & Allen, P.C.* Mark concentrates his practice in commercial and civil litigation. For over 30 years, Mark has handled cases in state courts in more than 19 counties in northern Illinois and in the Northern District of Illinois federal courts. He has extensively defended construction cases, product liability, professional liability, trucking, aviation, cyber defense, and agriculture liability cases. He is chair of the firm's Construction Practice and has an extensive background experience in building construction and mechanics. Mark is a pilot and restores antique cars.

Cecil E. Porter, III of *Litchfield Cavo, LLP* in Chicago, focuses his practice in the areas of construction litigation, toxic tort litigation, commercial litigation, employers' liability, contractual disputes, auto liability, premises liability, and workers' compensation. He has served as first and second chair of jury trials that he has tried to verdict both in private practice and while serving as a prosecutor. He has also served as first chair of many bench trials, arbitration hearings, and workers' compensation appeals.

Cecil served as an editor on and contributor to the Tort section of the Illinois Association of Defense Counsel (IDC) 2012 Survey of Law. He also contributed to Commercial Litigation section, as well as the Civil Practice and Tort sections of the IDC 2011 Survey of Law.

Cecil was listed as one of Illinois' Super Lawyers Rising Stars, a select designation only given to 2.5% of the total lawyers in Illinois, from 2011 through 2015. He was also selected as an Emerging Lawyer in the 2015 and 2016 listing by *Leading Lawyers* magazine.



Kimberly Ross of *Ford & Harrison LLP*, Chicago, concentrates her legal practice on defending and counseling management in employment law matters. Kimberly's experience includes harassment and discrimination claims under Title VII and the Illinois Human Rights Act (race, national origin, gender/sex, religion), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), non-compete agreements, whistleblower claims, negligent hiring, supervision and retention, and retaliatory discharge.

Kimberly is a recognized authority in employment law, conducting seminars, providing counseling and training, and authorizing articles on proper employment practices. She is also well-versed in reviewing and drafting employee handbooks, employment policies, employment contracts, and severance agreements. Kimberly is also frequently asked to lecture on professionalism and employment law topics at a local law school, for the IDC, and for local businesses.

Britta Sahlstrom is an associate with *SmithAmundsen LLC's* Insurance Services Practice Group in the Chicago office. She concentrates her practice on insurance-related matters at both the claim and litigation stages involving underlying environmental, property damage, product liability, transportation, professional liability and extra-contractual claims. Britta attended University of Wisconsin Law School where she was an editor of the Wisconsin Law Review, a member of the Mock Trial team and the competition chair for the Moot Court Board. She is licensed to practice in Illinois and Wisconsin, but also works with clients litigating actions nationwide for damages and declaratory relief.

Tracy E. Stevenson is a shareholder at the *Law Offices of Tracy E. Stevenson, P.C.* Tracy's litigation practice includes the defense of insurance claim including property claims, auto claims, subrogation and personal injury claims. She specializes in the investigation and litigation of all types of insurance fraud including UM/UIM cases. Tracy has represented municipal and governmental agencies in litigation including defense of tort claims under the Illinois Tort Immunity Act as well as condominium associations. Tracy also has a strong background and extensive experience defending medical malpractice claims representing both physicians and hospitals. Tracy has tried numerous cases to verdict in both state and federal courts including Illinois, Michigan, Louisiana, California and Florida. Tracy has appeared and argued before the Illinois Supreme Court and various appellate courts nationwide. She has been licensed in Illinois since 1991 and Michigan since 1992. Outside of her work in the courtroom, Tracy is an avid writer for various legal publications, a speaker at various seminars and is the current and past chair of both the IDC Trial and Deposition Academies. She is a faculty member of the National Insurance Crime Bureau academy at which she lectures on fraud in the legal profession across the country. She is an adjunct professor at the John Marshall Law School teaching trial and appellate advocacy. Tracy is also a certified mediator and arbitrator having obtained her certification through the Northwestern Law School. She is a shareholder at JT Mediation Group, representing insurance companies in all aspects of litigation whether first party, third party, or as a neutral.

Jennifer Winking is a partner with the Quincy law firm of *Scholz, Loos, Palmer, Siebers, & Duesterhaus LLP*. She is a general practitioner focusing her practice in employment and workers compensation defense. She has presented for the Illinois State Bar Association and Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel on topics of employment law and workers compensation and is a frequent lecturer on various employment topics, including harassment and sensitivity training. Ms. Winking earned her B.A. from Quincy University as a double major graduating summa cum laude and her



Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Ms. Winking was Managing Editor of the Missouri Law Review and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. She is admitted to practice in Illinois and Missouri.

Ms. Winking is currently President of the Adams County Bar Association. She was appointed by the Board of Directors in 2017 to serve as a Director at Large of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel and is a member of the Employment Law Committee. Ms. Winking has served on many local charitable boards, including the United Way of Adams County, Inc., West Central Child Care Connections Inc., Advocacy Network for Children (CASA) and Cornerstone: Foundations for Family f/k/a Family Service Agency. She was Co-Chair of the Quincy Notre Dame Foundation Annual Fund Drive. She also coaches the Quincy Notre Dame High School Scholastic Bowl Team.

About the IDC

The Illinois Association Defense Trial Counsel (IDC) is the premier association of attorneys in Illinois who devote a substantial portion their practice to the representation of business, corporate, insurance, professional and other individual defendants in civil litigation. For more information on the IDC, visit us on the web at www.iadtc.org or contact us at PO Box 588, Rochester, IL 62563-0588, 217-498-2649, 800-232-0169, idc@iadtc.org.