



Editor's Note

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We live in a world that is ever changing—and rapidly. As defense attorneys, our world is no different. Examples of such change are easy to name. New laws are enacted through the legislative process, courts of appeal develop new interpretations or applications for existing laws, judges and colleagues retire or move into new positions and are replaced by new people, and new technologies are developed that we all must learn to use. In this environment, it is reassuring to have some things that are constant.

The *IDC Quarterly* is one of those things we can always count on. Our colleagues work hard to keep us updated on recent developments, and provide us practical advice we can apply to our practices.

As expected, our authors again come through in this issue. Our Monograph discusses potential extracontractual liability that may exist for insurers. It is authored by Patrick D. Cloud of *Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C.*, Terry A. Fox of *Flaherty & Youngerman, P.C.*, William K. McVisk of *Tressler, LLP*, and Seth D. Lamden of *Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg, LLP*. In her Medical Malpractice Column, Edna L. McLain of *Tressler, LLP* examines a hospital's duty to protect patients from gun violence. In their Insurance Law Column, Michael L. Young and Katie E. Jacobi of *HeplerBroom, LLC* discuss a recent decision regarding insurance coverage and application of the concurrent proximate cause test. And, in the Civil Practice Column, Donald Patrick Eckler and Paula K. Villela of *Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered* look at when a defendant is entitled to a sole proximate cause instruction at trial. Of course, this is only a brief preview of the many perceptive articles you will find in this issue.

Thank you to all of the wonderful authors, editors, and other people who contribute to an insightful product we can regularly rely upon. I hope that you all benefit from their efforts and enjoy this issue of the *IDC Quarterly*..

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