



Association News

COVID-19

As part of the IDC family, we appreciate the trust you have placed in us. While the situation with COVID-19 evolves and you work through your all the changes coming your way, I want to personally update you on the steps we are taking to ensure we can continue to meet your needs.

Due to recent developments, our staff is taking the necessary precautions and working from their home offices as needed. Protocols and procedures are in place to handle day-to-day operations, and we continue to work to move the association forward.

We are establishing a communication plan that provides you with timely and pertinent updates and hope you continue to use us as a resource.

We will continue to monitor the websites for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois Department of Public Health and other applicable government sites. Any in-person events currently scheduled are being evaluated and should the need for postponement or cancellation arise, we will inform you of same.

If you have any questions or if there's anything we can do to help, don't hesitate to reach out. Our team is here to support you however we can.

Sincerely,

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New IDC Website Launched

We are thrilled to announce that the IDC website has been redesigned and updated. The site is hosted at a new domain address, **www.IDC.law**, and features the association's efforts to educate, advocate, and engage our members.

Some of the great features of www.IDC.law include:

- Enhanced visibility for IDC's advocacy efforts through our Amicus Briefs, Legislation Monitoring and Alerts, Position Statements, and our Political Action Committee;
- A "What's Happening at IDC" section highlighting events, alerts, and substantive content;
- Links to our upcoming events, and on demand library;
- Integration of @IDCLaw, IDC's twitter account;



- Our IDC Quarterly, IDC Survey of Law, IDC Daily and Committee Newsletter archives;
- IDC Network—our new members-only community platform for sharing your questions, concerns, and ideas with IDC members.
- Connections to our many substantive and administrative committees;
- IDC organizational information; and,

Much, Much More!

2020 Annual Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on in-person gatherings, the IDC Annual Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. A Report on the Election of Directors, Consent Agenda, 2020-2021 Secretary/Treasurer Nomination Committee Report, and the President's Report will be included in the Annual Meeting agenda. Please visit www.IDC.law to register for the Annual Meeting.

With Sympathy

It is with sadness that we announce that IDC Past President **Patrick E. Maloney**, formerly of *Tressler LLP* in Chicago, has passed away. Pat served as President of IDC from 1986-1987 and is remembered fondly as a true gentleman and an accomplished leader at the local, state and federal level. He was a mentor, supporter, and was always available for good advice and to share a laugh. IDC has lost a great leader and friend.

IDC Network – THE Online Community for Defense Counsel has Launched!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce the launch of *IDC Network*, our exclusive members-only online community, which promises to be one of the most powerful benefits of IDC membership. *IDC Network* is your connection to an incredible resource —hundreds of your colleagues who share your challenges, uncertainties and successes.

We know the value that IDC members place on networking and educational opportunities we provide through our conferences, special events, and online and on-demand programs throughout the year. To build on that value, we are excited to enter into this new phase of member collaboration by providing IDC members an environment to connect, engage, and share experiences, industry information and best practices, seek and share advice, exchange resources, and build relationships.

IDC Network is an easy-to use platform is where you can:

- Participate in discussions and get feedback from your peers



- Communicate and network with other IDC members
- Download useful documents, files and resources
- Access a comprehensive member directory
- And so much more!

IDC Network accounts for all members are already active and all members have been subscribed to a Daily Digest of IDC's Open Forum, meaning that you will receive one email each day containing the previous day's posts. If you'd like to change that to *real time* (you'll get an email each time something new is posted), *no emails* (you can view the discussions, but won't receive email), or *unsubscribe*, you may adjust your subscriptions in *IDC Network*.

IDC Network is an evolving collaborative tool. We will introduce new tools in the coming weeks and months to enhance your experience. We look forward to your feedback and suggestions on how we can make *IDC Network* a member benefit that you can't practice without.

How to Get Started on *IDC Network*

Step One: Login To Your Account

As an IDC member, your account is ready on *IDC Network*—all you have to do is log in! Go to <https://network.idc.law/home> and click on "Sign In" in the upper-right corner. Enter the login and password you use to sign in to your IDC Membership Profile and you are good to go.

Step Two: Get Going

Ready to dive in? Our **5 Steps to Getting Started Guide** (<https://network.idc.law/help/getstarted>) will help you learn the basics so you can get started on *IDC Network*. You'll learn how to update your profile, join communities, engage in discussions, make connections, and access resources.

Step Three: Start Connecting

Take a look around and don't be shy—*IDC Network* is for you! Join communities, pose questions and ask for feedback, participate in discussions on topics that impact you, and other IDC members that share your interests. Start connecting now!

We hope you enjoy using *IDC Network* and it quickly becomes an essential part of your practice. Should you have any questions, concerns, or issues with *IDC Network*, please contact IDC Executive Director Sandra Wulf at 800-232-0169 or sandra@iadtc.org.

Sincerely,

Bill McVisk
2019-2020 IDC President



On-Demand Webinars

IDC has a number of self-paced seminars available to IDC Members (and non-members) on a variety of topics. Visit www.IDC.law to learn more about these webinars:

- **A Guide to Practicing in Asbestos Litigation Hotspots** (Illinois CLE Hours: 1.0)
- **Diversity—What Does it Mean? Why Does it Matter?** (Illinois CLE Hours: 1.0; Illinois Diversity & Inclusion Credit: 1.0)
- **Getting Schooled: Understanding Title IX in Higher Education** (Illinois CLE Hours: 1.0)
- **Let's Be Blunt: What You Need to Know about the Legalization of Marijuana** (Illinois CLE Hours: 1.0)
- **Litigation Between Insurance Carriers in Illinois** (Illinois CLE Hours: 1.0)
- **Passage and Development of the Insurance Placement Liability Act** (Illinois CLE Hours: 1.0)
- **Practical Considerations Regarding Conflicts of Laws** (Illinois CLE Hours: .75)
- **Recent Developments in Standing in State and Federal Courts** (Illinois CLE Hours: .75)
- **Settling Cases Involving Minors, Disabled Persons, and the Deceased** (Illinois CLE Hours: 1.0)
- **The Coronavirus Safety Net for Employees: Federal, State and Local Measures Providing Economic Protection for Illinois Workers** (Illinois CLE Hours: 1.5)

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.idc.law or contact us at PO Box 588, Rochester, IL 62563-0588, 217-498-2649, 800-232-0169, idc@iadtc.org.