

IADC's First 2019 DCJ Covers Civil Procedure, Bankruptcy Trust Reform and Employment

In its newly published Defense Counsel Journal (DCJ), the **International Association of Defense Counsel** (IADC) offers insights on current challenges involving civil procedure, bankruptcy trust reform, and employment law. The IADC is an invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests.

The IADC's **first quarter 2019 DCJ** is available for free and without a subscription via the IADC's website.

The DCJ is a quarterly forum for topical and scholarly writings on the law, including its development and reform, as well as on the practice of law in general. DCJ articles are written by members of the IADC, which is a 2,500-member, invitation-only, worldwide organization that serves its members and their clients, as well as the civil justice system and the legal profession.

"The diverse, thought-provoking articles in this first 2019 edition of the Defense Counsel Journal focus on practical solutions to significant challenges," says IADC president and Venable LLP partner Craig A. Thompson. "Our contributors have invested time and resources to ensure that we are kept up to date with the best, cutting edge thinking on key issues that affect many of our members and their clients."

Current DCJ editor and former IADC board member Kenneth R. Meyer adds, "We delight in publishing thoughtful articles that offer insights and answers to the diverse and difficult problems facing those of us in the defense bar." Meyer also is a partner at McCarter & English, LLP.

Following are brief summaries of some of the key articles included in the first quarter 2019 issue of the DCJ:

“Good Strategy or Forum Manipulation? The Continuing Evolution of the Bad Faith Exception to the One-Year Time Limit on Removal” by Anne K. Guillory, a partner and co-chair of the Toxic Tort Subgroup at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP – The article explores the complicated issues relating to removal, diversity jurisdiction, and forum shopping, and provides helpful and practical commentary on the “bad faith” exception to the legislative time limit imposed upon removal. The article analyzes a process that by its nature is not susceptible to appellate review, and explanation, and thus often misunderstood and misused.

“Department of Justice Combats Asbestos Trust Abuse” by Mark A. Behrens, a partner and co-chair of the public policy group, and William F. Northrip, of counsel, both at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, L.L.P. – The article examines governmental efforts to deal with the fraud and mismanagement prevalent with the administration of asbestos trusts. It is a companion piece to an article published in the fourth quarter 2019 DCJ and represents the DCJ Board of Editors’ ongoing effort to promote articles that spotlight IADC initiatives – in this case efforts by the IADC’s Civil Justice Response Committee to promote trust transparency laws.

Are You Ready for a Wallaby at the Water Cooler? Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals in the Workplace – What Do Employer Clients Need to Know? by Donna L. Burden, a founding member, and Sarah E. Hansen, a partner, both at Burden, Hafner & Hansen, LLC; and Sean Nash, managing counsel, labor & employment, in the United Airlines Legal Department – The article presents a timely and insightful look at workplace accommodations employers are asked to make for employees’ service animals.

