Andrew Kopon, Jr. Named President-Elect of International Association of Defense Counsel

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) has elected **Andrew Kopon, Jr.** president-elect for the 2016-2017 term. Beginning in July 2017, he will serve as president of the IADC, which is the preeminent, invitation-only, global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests.

Kopon is a founding member of **Kopon Airdo, LLC** in Chicago. His practice focuses on complex civil litigation matters, including class actions, mass tort litigation and employment litigation. He has worked as national and regional counsel for major consumer and commercial product manufacturers and has successfully tried and argued cases before the Illinois Supreme Court.

In addition to his service to the IADC and its Foundation, Kopon is an active member of the Defense Research Institute, Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, and National Foundation for Judicial Excellence. He is Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent™ rated and has been recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers and Leading Lawyers Network for multiple years. He received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School and B.A. from Providence College.

Founded in 1920, the IADC has approximately 2,500 members from six continents, more than 45 countries and all 50 U.S. states and includes corporate and insurance defense attorneys and insurance executives. The core purposes of the IADC are to enhance the development of skills, promote professionalism and

facilitate camaraderie among its members and their clients, as well as the broader civil justice community. The IADC also takes a leadership role in many areas of legal reform and professional development.