

IADC Members Share Scholarly Insights on Defense Production Act, EPA and Asbestos, and Wrongful Birth Actions in Third-Quarter 2020 DCJ

This year's third-quarter edition of the Defense Counsel Journal (DCJ) published by the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) offers scholarly articles about a diverse range of topics such as defending producers under the Defense Production Act, recent EPA actions attempting to ban asbestos, and the law related to wrongful birth actions.

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Following are brief summaries of the articles included in the third-quarter 2020 issue of the DCJ:

"Defending the Producers: Examining Product Liability Protection for Compelled Manufacturing Under the Defense Production Act" by Lauren R. Greenspoon, senior counsel, and

Ryan D. Class, an associate, both at Carlton Fields, P.A. – The article discusses defending producers under the recently enacted, COVID-19-induced, Defense Production Act, taking a deep dive into the act's history and the evolution of the Government Contractor Defense and related immunity.

"The EPA's March to Ban Asbestos: 2020 Draft Risk Evaluation" by senior partner Claire C. Weglarz, partner Eric T. Hawkins and senior partner Evelyn Fletcher Davis, all at Hawkins Parnell & Young, LLP. – The article examines the unusual recent actions of the Environmental Protection Agency in attempting to ban asbestos in almost exclusive reliance upon the work of plaintiffs' experts and attorneys.

"What's Unconstitutional About Wrongful Life Claims? Ask Jane Roe..." by partner Bruce R. Parker and counsel Thomasina Poirot, both at Venable LLP, along with former Venable attorney Scott C. Armstrong. – The piece reviews the law relating to wrongful birth actions, forcefully arguing that such actions, which exist in only three states, are unconstitutional under *Roe v. Wade*.

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