

DTCI DEFENSE TRIAL COUNSEL OF INDIANA

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Meet your 2011 Board of Directors

At the November annual meeting of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, the following officers and directors were elected. They assumed office on Jan. 1, 2011.

Officers

Scott Kyrouac



Scott Kyrouac, the 2011 DTCL president, is a partner in the Terre Haute firm of Wilkinson Goeller Modesitt Wilkinson & Drummy. Scott's practice areas include insurance defense, medical malpractice defense, product liability, trucking and transportation law, personal injury, environmental law, employment law, and municipal law. Scott received his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, with high honors, from the University of Illinois in 1982, and his Juris Doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 1985. He is a member of the Terre Haute, Indiana State, and American (member of Litigation, Environmental Law, Sports & Entertainment Law sections) bar associations; the DRI; and the American Board of Trial Advocates, where he enjoys the highest rank of Advocate. He has published extensively for DTCL, Indiana Continuing Legal Education, and other organizations. Scott serves as pro bono counsel for the Terre Haute Humane Society, Clay County Humane Society, and St. Joseph's Church.

Lonnie D. Johnson



Lonnie Johnson, the new president-elect, received his Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, from Indiana University and his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Indiana University. Lonnie is a partner with Clendening Johnson & Bohrer in Bloomington, and he practices predominantly in the areas of construction law, insurance defense, commercial litigation, and environmental law. He is admitted to practice in Indiana; the U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana; and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Lonnie is a member of the Indiana State and American bar associations, the Litigation Counsel of America, and is also active in the DRI and Association of Defense Trial Attorneys.

Jerry E. Huelat



Jerry Huelat, the 2011 vice president, is a partner with the firm of Huelat Mack & Kreppein, with an office in Michigan City. He has more than 29 years of litigation experience in all areas of insurance defense work and has substantial trial experience in the areas of arson, fraud, product liability, construction, and insurance coverage issues. Jerry was born in Chicago and was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1981. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals; 7th Circuit Court of Appeals; and the U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. Jerry attended college at Pennsylvania State University where he graduated in 1977 and obtained his Juris Doctor at Northern Illinois University in 1981. He is a member of the LaPorte, Michigan City, and Indiana State bar associations and the DRI. He is also a former member of the

Ethics Committee of the Indiana State Bar Association. Jerry is the author of several articles and is a regular lecturer at insurance defense seminars.

James D. Johnson



Jim Johnson, the new DTCL secretary, is a partner in the litigation department at Rudolph Fine Porter & Johnson in Evansville, where he focuses his practice on commercial litigation, covenants and trade secrets, insurance law, product liability, and appeals. He has for many years been the chair of the DTCL Amicus Committee. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University and his Juris Doctor from Indiana University, cum laude. In addition to DTCL, Jim is a member of the Evansville, Indiana State, and American bar associations; DRI; and Brooks American Inns of Court.

Thomas C. Hays



Tom Hays, the newly elected treasurer, is a partner in the firm of LewisWagner in Indianapolis. Tom focuses his practice on litigation and defense in the areas of tort law, product liability, and commercial litigation. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 from Indiana University and Juris Doctor from Woodrow Wilson in 1977. He was admitted to the bar in 1977 and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana; and the state of Georgia. In addition to DTCL, Tom is a member of the American, Indiana State, Indianapolis, and Georgia State bar associations; DRI; International Association of Defense Counsel; and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Tom served as the 2006 president of the Indiana Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. In 2009, he was installed as Diplomat in DTCL and he received the Indiana State Bar Association's Civility Award in 2005. He is also a certified mediator.

Mary K. Reeder



Mary Reeder, the immediate past president, is a partner in the Indianapolis firm of Riley Bennett & Egloff. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1979 and her Juris Doctor, cum laude, in 1983 from Indiana University. She practices in the areas of medical malpractice, product liability, and environmental coverage. She is a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association (Litigation Section) and the Indiana State Bar Association (Environmental Law Section). She is also active in DRI, International Association of Defense Counsel, and has served as chair of the DTCL Membership Committee. She served as Indiana state representative to DRI 2004-2006.

Thomas R. Schultz



Tom Schultz, DRI state representative for Indiana, is a principal in Schultz & Pogue in Indianapolis. He graduated from Indiana University in 1984 and received his Juris Doctor in 1987 from Indiana University School of Law. He is a member of DRI (Trial Tactics and Governmental Liability

Sections) and International Association of Defense Counsel. He is treasurer of American Board of Trial Advocates and is a former president of DTCL.

Tom focuses his practice on litigation and defense in numerous areas, including product liability, medical malpractice, construction, nursing home malpractice, defamation, governmental liability, traditional auto and premises liability, as well as serving as a mediator. He is an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 131 in Carmel and is active in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

Directors

Mark W. Baeverstad



Mark Baeverstad is a partner at Rothberg Logan & Warsco in Fort Wayne where he practices medical malpractice defense and corporate litigation. He is a 1981 graduate, summa cum laude, of Syracuse University School of Law and a 1978 graduate of Hope College. He is a Fellow of The American College of Trial Lawyers and former chair of the Litigation Section of the Indiana State Bar Association. He is a member of the Indiana State and the Allen County bar associations.

Michele S. Bryant



Michele Bryant is a graduate of DePauw University and Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Since joining Bamberger Foreman Oswald & Hahn in Evansville in 1989, she has specialized in the defense and trial of medical malpractice claims, representing both individual health care providers and hospitals. Michele also practices in the areas of health care and hospital law, employment law, and commercial litigation. Michele was appointed several years ago by the Indiana Supreme Court to the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Committee, which provides assistance to judges, lawyers, and law students who suffer from physical or mental impairments affecting their ability to practice law. She continues to serve on the JLAP Committee and also chairs the Evansville Bar Association's Lawyers Assistance Committee. Michele is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, DRI, and American Health Lawyers Association.

Michele is committed to the Evansville community, as illustrated by her involvement with her church and active participation in the Northside Kiwanis Club, where she has served for many years as president of its foundation. She has coached several softball teams and currently is an Upward Basketball coach. Michele and her husband, John, live in Newburgh with their two children.

Timothy DeGroot



Tim DeGroot is a partner in the Fort Wayne office of Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros, where he practices in the areas of general insurance litigation and corporate law. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Marquette University in 1991 and his Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1995. Tim has served as law clerk to judges of the

LaPorte Circuit Court and to the Hon. Vernon Sheldon of the Allen Superior Court. He is the former chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the Allen County Bar Association and of the DTCL Young Lawyers Section. Tim is a member of the Allen County and the Indiana State bar associations.

David A. DeMoss



David DeMoss is the managing attorney for State Farm Litigation Counsel in Indianapolis. He serves on the DTCL Legislative Committee and is the DTCL PAC treasurer. David is also a member of the In-House Counsel, Trial Tactics, and Insurance Coverage sections. David received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Purdue University and his Juris Doctor in 1987 from the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. He also received his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation in 1995. He is a member of the Indianapolis and the Indiana State bar associations, DRI, and the American Bar Association Staff Counsel Section. David focuses his practice on personal injury defense and insurance coverage litigation. He has also been active in legislative and regulatory matters on behalf of DTCL. David is active in the community in Rebuilding Together Indianapolis, Habitat for Humanity, High School Mock Trial Competition, and is a Heartland Pro Bono volunteer.

Greg J. Freyberger



Greg Freyberger is a native of Jasper and is a partner in the Evansville firm, Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn. He is an experienced trial attorney whose primary concentration is on employment defense, worker's compensation defense, and personal injury defense. Greg served as the chairman and co-chair of DTCL's Trial Tactics Section in 2009 and 2010 respectively. He is also a member of Brooks American Inns of Court; Evansville, Indiana State, and American bar associations; and DRI. Greg is an executive board member of Leadership Evansville, has served as president of Evansville's chapter of American Diabetes Association, and has been active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

J. Curtis Greene



J. Curtis Greene practices in the litigation department of Barnes & Thornburg's Indianapolis office. He represents individuals as well as private and publicly traded companies regionally and nationally in a variety of civil litigation matters. His practice focuses primarily in business/commercial disputes and products liability defense. He joined the firm after nearly 10 years in both the public and private sectors serving in various operational and executive business management roles. He currently serves on the executive committee and as chair of DTCL's Business Litigation Section, is a member of the Marion County Local Rules Committee, and is active in the Indianapolis community and state and

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local bar associations. He graduated magna cum laude from Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, where he served as editor-in-chief of volume 15 of the *Indiana International & Comparative Law Review*.

James W. Hehner



Jim Hehner is a member of the Indianapolis law firm of Hehner & Associates where he practices primarily in the areas of insurance defense, insurance coverage, wrongful death, construction law, and product liability.

Jim graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980 and Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis with a Juris Doctor in 1983. He served several years as the chair of the Trial Tactics Section of DTICI and is a frequent speaker at continuing education seminars. He is admitted to practice in Indiana; U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana; and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Jim also serves as president of the Carmel Clay Public Library Board of Trustees and serves on the Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation.

Kori L. McOmber



Kori L. McOmber received her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from Miami University in 1998 and her Juris Doctor in 2001 from Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. While in

law school, Kori represented the university at the American Bar Association's Moot Court Competition in Boston. She currently specializes in the defense of physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare providers in medical negligence claims.

She is a member of the Indiana State and Indianapolis bar associations and serves as immediate past chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the Indianapolis Bar Association. In 2009, DTICI named Kori the Young Lawyer of the Year for her leadership qualities in service to the Indiana defense bar, the national defense bar, and the community. In 2008, she was named Young Lawyer of the Year by the Indianapolis Bar Association. She is also a member of DRI.

Libby Valos Moss



Libby Valos Moss is a partner with the firm Kightlinger & Gray. She is a trial attorney who concentrates her practice in the areas of employment law and defense of employers

before the Indiana Worker's Compensation Board. She is a frequent speaker on the issues employers face when confronted with worker's compensation claims. She is admitted to practice in Indiana and before the U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana.

Libby is a 1995 graduate of Ball State University and received her Juris Doctor from the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis in 1999. She has served as chair of DTICI Worker's Compensation Section. In addition to being an active member of DTICI, she is also a member of the Indianapolis and Indiana State bar associations, Litigation Counsel of America, and DRI.

Michael Rabinowitch



Misha Rabinowitch is a partner in the Indianapolis law firm of Wooden & McLaughlin. Misha's commercial litigation practice is focused on representing commercial real estate developers and property

owners in litigated matters involving land use, breach of contract, landlord-tenant issues, and commercial real estate disputes. Misha also is often involved in actions where injunctive relief is sought in connection with noncompetition agreements and protection of trade secrets and proprietary information. Misha serves on Wooden & McLaughlin's management committee and oversees the firm's summer associate recruiting and development program. Misha has been an active member of DTICI, having chaired the 2001 Annual Meeting and the Employment Law Section in 2004. He currently serves as chairman of DTICI's Legislative Committee. In 2001, Misha received DTICI's Outstanding Young Lawyer award. He is pro bono legal counsel to the Broad Ripple Village Association and provides pro bono legal service in connection with the Indianapolis Bar Association's Homeless Project. Misha was the 1995 recipient of the Mayor's Volunteer Partnership Award given for exceptional volunteer contributions to the Indianapolis community.

Doris L. Sweetin



Doris L. Sweetin, managing partner of SweetinBleeke Attorneys, concentrates her practice in litigation, trial and appellate practice in insurance defense, including general liability, products, premises,

worker's compensation, and construction, as well as business and corporate law. She is licensed to practice law in Indiana and Ohio. Doris has argued before the Ohio Court of Appeals, as well as before the Indiana Supreme Court. She is admitted to the Ohio and Indiana bars, the federal district courts of both Ohio and Indiana, and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Doris is active in DRI, including its Trial Tactics Committee, and is the chair for the 2010 DRI Damages Seminar. She is also active with DTICI, including serving on the board of editors for the *Indiana Civil Litigation Review*. She is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association. Doris is also recognized as a "Top Executive" by Portfolio.com and has the mark of distinction from A.M. Best Recommended Insurance Attorneys. She is a noted speaker and author on various litigation-related topics. Doris graduated cum laude from Wichita State University in 1988 and the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1995.

David A. Temple



David Temple is a partner at Drewry Simmons Vornehm, where he practices in the areas of construction law, professional liability, product liability, insurance defense and coverage, environmental law, and commercial litigation. He is a frequent presenter at seminars on a variety of legal topics.

David earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing with a minor in economics from Indiana University – Bloomington. He earned his Juris Doctor from the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. David is admitted to practice law in the state and federal district courts of Indiana and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a

member of the Indianapolis, Indiana State, and American bar associations; as well as DRI. He is a member and past vice-chair of DTICI's Products Liability Section and former chairman, former liaison, and current member of the Construction Law Section. He co-chaired DTICI's annual meeting in 2001.

David is active in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and currently serves as president and is immediate past secretary of the Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation Board. He also serves on the Indiana State Bar Association's Litigation Section Council and formerly served on the Curriculum Committee of Guerin Catholic High School.

Robert B. Thornburg



Rob Thornburg is a member of Frost Brown Todd. Rob is a trial attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of product liability and breach of warranty. He has tried premises liability and automobile negligence cases. He has experience in federal and Indiana state courts and in other jurisdictions. Rob has also testified before the Indiana Legislature on issues of importance to Indiana insurers.

Rob is an active member of DTICI. He has served DTICI in the past as chair of the Product Liability Section and received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award in 2005. Rob is a member of DRI, Indianapolis Bar Association, and the Sagamore American Inn of Court. He received his Bachelor of Science degree, cum laude, from Ball State University and his Juris Doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

John P. Twohy



John Twohy is a partner in the Hammond firm of Eichhorn & Eichhorn. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago and his Juris Doctor from Indiana University, cum laude. He is

a member of the Lake County and Indiana State bar associations. He is a member of the Medical Malpractice and Business Litigation sections of DTICI.

Kevin C. Tyra



Kevin Tyra is the principal in The Tyra Law Firm in Indianapolis. The primary focus of the firm's practice is insurance defense and insurance coverage litigation.

Kevin graduated from Purdue University in 1978 and Vanderbilt Law School in 1981. He served in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps from 1981 to 1987. Since then, Kevin has practiced civil litigation in Indianapolis. His experience includes four years as in-house counsel for a medical malpractice insurance carrier in Indianapolis, serving as insurance defense counsel or as an adjuster on approximately 200 malpractice suits. He has extensive experience at both the trial and appellate levels in general liability insurance defense, worker's compensation defense, medical malpractice defense, insurance coverage, and insurance fraud investigation.

Kevin is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana (Insurance Section chair, 2008-09), and the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators. He is a registered civil and family mediator. He is also the founder and director of the Frederick Ozanam Free Legal Clinic, a permanent project of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. •

DTICI 2011

CALENDAR

- Jan. 21
Board of Directors Meeting
Indianapolis
- Apr. 22
Rookie Seminar
Indianapolis
- Apr. 22
Board of Directors Meeting
Indianapolis
- Oct. 26-30
DRI Annual Meeting
Washington DC
- Nov. 17-18
DTICI Annual Conference & Membership Meeting
French Lick Resort

For details about any of these events, please call the association offices at 317/580-1233 or e-mail lmortier@dtci.org. For the latest changes, notices, and additions, check the events calendar on the DTICI homepage at www.dtci.org

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