

DTCI DEFENSE TRIAL COUNSEL OF INDIANA

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Meet your 2012 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 January 1, 2012.

Officers

Lonnie D. Johnson



Lonnie Johnson, the 2012 DTIC president, 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 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 new president-elect, 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 United States Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States 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 is a member of 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 2012 vice president, 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 was for many years the chair of the DTIC 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 the DTIC, Jim is a member of the Evansville, Indiana State, and American bar associations; DRI; and the Brooks American Inns of Court.

Thomas C. Hays



Tom Hays, the new DTIC secretary, is a partner of the firm of Lewis Wagner 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 College of Law in 1977. He was admitted to the bar in 1977 and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana and the state of Georgia.

In addition to DTIC, 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, Tom was installed as Diplomat in DTIC and he received the Indiana State Bar Association's Civility Award in 2005. He is also a certified mediator.

James W. Hehner



Jim Hehner, the newly elected treasurer, is a member of the Indianapolis law firm of Hehner & Associates. He graduated from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business in

1980 and Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1983. Jim frequently serves as a civil mediator and is admitted to practice in Indiana, the U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States. Jim is also active in numerous other civic organizations and currently serves as president of the board of trustees of the Carmel Clay Public Library.

Scott Kyrouac



Scott Kyrouac, the immediate past president, is a partner in the Terre Haute firm of Wilkinson Goeller Modesitt Wilkinson & Drummy.

Scott's practice areas include alternative dispute resolution, 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 is treasurer of the Indiana chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates where he enjoys the rank of Advocate. Scott is also a member of Association of Defense Trial Attorneys. He has published extensively for the DTIC, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, National Business Institute and other organizations. Scott serves as pro bono counsel for the Terre Haute Humane Society, Clay County Humane Society, Miss Softball America and

St. Joseph's Church. Scott is a registered mediator.

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 law degree in

1987 from the Indiana University School of Law. He is a member of the DRI (Trial Tactics and Governmental Liability sections) and of the International Association of Defense Counsel. He is an officer (president-elect) of the American Board of Trial Advocates (Indiana Chapter) and is a former president of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana. Tom was named 2011 Indiana Defense Lawyer of the Year by DTIC.

Tom focuses his practice on litigation and defense in numerous areas, including product liability, medical malpractice, construction, nursing home malpractice, and traditional auto and premises liability, as well as serving as a mediator.

He is an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 131 in Carmel and is active in his church, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. He also serves on the board of directors of the Carmel Swim Club.

Directors

Michele S. Bryant



Michele Bryant is a graduate of DePauw University and the 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, the DRI and the 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 DTIC Young Lawyers Section.

Tim is a member of the Allen County and Indiana State bar associations.

David A. DeMoss



David DeMoss is the managing attorney for State Farm Litigation Counsel in Indianapolis. David focuses his practice on first- and third-party personal injury defense and insurance

coverage litigation. He serves on the DTIC Legislative Committee and is the DTIC PAC treasurer. He has been active in legislative and regulatory matters on behalf of DTIC and is a member of the Trial Tactics and Insurance Coverage sections.

David received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Purdue University and is a 1987 graduate of Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. He also received his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation in 1995. He is a member of the Indianapolis and Indiana State bar associations. David is active in the community, currently serving on the local advisory board for Indianapolis Local Initiatives Support Corp.

Marian Drenth



Marian Drenth practices with Johnson & Bell. She concentrates her practice in civil litigation with an emphasis in health care law and medical malpractice defense. In addition to

representing physicians, hospitals and other health care providers in medical negligence claims, Marian's practice areas include general liability, employment law and insurance defense. Marian has successfully defended clients in numerous jury trials in matters involving general negligence and medical malpractice claims.

Marian received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University, cum laude, in 1992 and her Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1995. Marian recently served as vice-chair of the Health Law Section for DTIC. She is currently a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Porter County Inns of Court, and she is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Marian previously served as a board member for the Porter County Inns of Court from 2006-2010, serving as president from June 2009 - June 2010.

Greg J. Freyberger



Greg Freyberger is a native of Jasper and is a partner in the litigation section of the Evansville firm Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn. He is an experienced jury trial attorney whose practice is concentrated on employment law, worker's compensation, commercial litigation, products liability and personal injury defense.

Greg has served as the chairman and co-

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chair of DTCI's Trial Tactics Section in 2009 and 2010 respectively. He was named a 2010 Rising Star for Indiana Super Lawyers and one of Evansville's 20 rising leaders under 40 years old for 2011. He is active in the community and serves as the president of Leadership Evansville and the treasurer of Brooks American Inns of Court in Evansville. He is a member of the Evansville, Indiana State, and American bar associations and DRI.

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 serves as chair of DTCI's Business Litigation Section. He is also a member of the Marion County Local Rules Committee and is active in the Indianapolis community and state and local bar associations. He graduated magna cum laude from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, where he served as editor-in-chief of Volume 15 of the Indiana International & Comparative Law Review.

Kori L. McOmber



Kori L. McOmber is an associate at Schultz & Pogue. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from Miami University in 1998 and received her Juris Doctor in 2001 from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. While in law school, Kori represented the university at the American Bar Association's Moot Court Competition in Boston. She currently represents physicians, hospitals and other health care providers in medical negligence claims as well as defending insurance carriers in insurance coverage matters.

In addition to being a board member of DTCI, Kori is a member of the Indiana State and Indianapolis bar associations and is a past chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the Indianapolis Bar Association. In 2008, Kori was named Young Lawyer of the Year by the Indianapolis Bar Association. In 2009, DTCI named her Young Lawyer of the Year for her leadership qualities in service to the Indiana defense bar, the national defense bar and the community. She was recently appointed by Gov. Mitch Daniels to the board of the Indiana Commission for Women. She is also a member of DRI.

Renee Mortimer



Renee Mortimer is the partner-in-charge of Hinshaw & Culbertson's sole Indiana office, located in Schererville.

She is a national counsel for the American National Red Cross, handling general liability, personal injury and property damage litigation. In addition, she manages a recommended

preferred counsel bank in 47 states for the American National Red Cross.

Renee is the business development partner of the firm's defense litigation department and has been a regional director for the firm. She is a past member of the firm's executive committee and a past co-leader of the firm's transportation practice group. In October 2011, she was invited to become a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel. In June 2011, she received an Influential Women of Northwest Indiana Award, one of only 11 women selected in 2011.

While in Illinois, she served as a director and then officer of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and as an elected member of the General Assembly for the Illinois Bar Association. Her professional memberships also include the Council on Litigation Management and the 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 workers' 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 graduated from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1999. She has served as the chair of the DTCI Worker's Compensation Section. In addition to being an active member of DTCI, 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 is also 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 the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, having chaired the 2001 Annual Meeting and the Employment Law Section in 2004. He currently serves as chairman of DTCI's Legislative Committee. In 2001, Misha received DTCI's Outstanding Young Lawyer award. Misha 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. He serves on the board of directors of Joy's House, an adult day service in Indianapolis. Misha was the 1995 recipient of the Mayor's Volunteer Partnership Award given for exceptional volunteer contributions to the Indianapolis community.

James Strenski



Jim Strenski is a partner at the Indianapolis firm of Cantrell Strenski & Mehringer. He concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance bad faith, insurance coverage and third-party defense of insureds. He received his Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, cum laude, from Georgetown University in 1990 and his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 1994.

Among other organizations, Jim is a member of the Indiana State and Indianapolis bar associations, the DRI and DTCI, where he currently serves as the chair of the Insurance Section. He has been repeatedly recognized as a Super Lawyer in the area of insurance coverage.

Jim is involved with CYO Athletics as well as coaching at Broad Ripple Haverford Little League in Indianapolis.

Stacy F. Thompson



Stacy F. Thompson, a partner at Clendening Johnson & Bohrer, graduated from Indiana University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree with high distinction in public health. In 2002, she

graduated from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Stacy concentrates her practice in the representation of health care professionals, including individual physicians and nurses, hospitals, physicians' practice groups and health care related organizations in a variety of health care law matters. She also has experience in criminal law, employment law, general litigation and insurance defense.

In 2010, DTCI named Stacy 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 2010, 2011 and 2012, she was named a "Rising Star" by the Indiana Super Lawyers publication list. Stacy is also a member of the DRI and the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys.

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, commercial litigation, breach of warranty and tort litigation. 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 the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana. He has served DTCI in the past as chair of the Product Liability Section and received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award in 2005. Rob is a member of the DRI and the Indianapolis Bar Association. 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 P. Twohy is a partner in Eichhorn & Eichhorn, with offices in Hammond and Indianapolis. John focuses his practice on the defense of professional liability claims, personal injury claims and

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CALENDAR

- Jan 26
Board of Directors Meeting
Indianapolis
- April 16
Board of Directors Meeting
Indianapolis
- Aug. 24
Board of Directors Meeting
Indianapolis
- Sept. 14-15
North Central Trial Academy
Michigan City
- Oct. 24-27
DRI Annual Meeting
New Orleans
- Nov. 15-16
DTCI Annual Meeting
Location TBD

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commercial litigation. He has substantial trial experience in the areas of malpractice defense, products liability and financial torts. John is admitted to practice in Indiana and Illinois, the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

John graduated from the University of Chicago in 1993 and received his Juris Doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 1996. He is a member of the DRI.

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. After serving in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps from 1981 to 1987, 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 some 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. •