

DTCI DEFENSE TRIAL COUNSEL OF INDIANA

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DTCI Honors Outstanding Lawyers & Leaders

The Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana bestowed its annual awards on the outstanding defense lawyers of 2012 and thanked its past and future leaders for their willingness to serve their colleagues and the civil justice system in Indiana.



Outgoing DTICI President Lonnie Johnson (Clendening Johnson & Bohrer), left, congratulates the new president Jerry Huelat (Huelat Mack & Kreppin)



DTICI President Lonnie Johnson presents Mallory R. Inselsberg (Eichhorn & Eichhorn) with the 2012 Outstanding Young Lawyer award.



The DTICI installed Richard Mullineaux (Kightlinger & Gray), right, as a Diplomat of the Indiana Defense Trial Counsel for his distinguished career in defense of litigation.



Timothy DeGroot (Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros), right, is thanked for his service on the DTICI board of directors.



Randall Riggs (Frost Brown Todd), right, was installed as a Dipolmat of the Indiana Defense Trial Counsel for his outstanding contributions to the representation of clients in defense matters.



Louis Voelker (Eichhorn & Eichhorn), right, receives the DTICI Defense Lawyer of the Year award from President Lonnie Johnson.

New Officers Elected
At the November annual meeting of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, the following officers were elected. They will assume office Jan. 1, 2013.
Jerry E. Huelat (Huelat Mack & Kreppin) 2013 President of DTICI
Jerry Huelat is a partner with the firm of Huelat Mack & Kreppin P.C., with an office in Michigan City. 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. Mr. Huelat is the author of several articles and is a regular lecturer at insurance defense



James D. Johnson (Clendening Johnson & Bohrer) 2013 President-Elect
Jim Johnson is a partner in the litigation department at Rudolph Fine Porter & Johnson LLP in Evansville. He was for many years the chair of the DTICI Amicus Committee. In addition to the DTICI, Mr. Johnson is a member of the Evansville, Indiana State, and American bar associations, the DRI and the Brooks American Inns of Court.
Thomas C. Hays (Lewis Wagner LLP) 2013 Vice-President
Tom Hays is a partner in Lewis Wagner LLP in Indianapolis. Mr. Hays focuses his practice on litigation and defense in the areas of tort law, product liability and commercial litigation. He is a member of the American Bar Association,



Indiana State Bar Association, Indianapolis Bar Association, Georgia State Bar Association, DRI, International Association of Defense Counsel and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Mr. Hays served as the 2006 president of the Indiana chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. In 2009, he was installed as Diplomat in DTICI; he received the Indiana State Bar Association's Civility Award in 2005.
James W. Hehner (Hehner & Associates LLC) 2013 Secretary
Jim Hehner is a member of Hehner & Associates LLC in Indianapolis. He frequently serves as a civil mediator and is admitted to practice in Indiana, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. For many years, Mr. Hehner was chair of the Trial Tactics section of DTICI. He is also a member of DRI.
Michele S. Bryant (Bamberger Foreman Oswald & Hahn LLP) 2013 Treasurer



Michele Bryant joined Bamberger Foreman Oswald & Hahn LLP in Evansville in 1989. She was appointed several years ago by the Indiana Supreme Court to the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program 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. Ms. Bryant is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, the DRI and the American Health Lawyers Association.
Lonnie D. Johnson (Clendening Johnson & Bohrer P.C.) Immediate Past-President
Lonnie Johnson is a partner with Clendening Johnson & Bohrer P.C. in Bloomington. He is admitted to practice in Indiana, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Johnson 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.