

#WDCSC2026



Wisconsin Defense Counsel  
*Defending Individuals and  
Businesses in Civil Litigation*

# 2026 Spring Conference

**April 23-24, 2026**

The American Club  
419 Highland Dr.  
Kohler, WI 53044

**Program Chair:**  
Nicole Radler  
*Simpson and Deardorff, S.C.*

*Schedule of Events  
& Registration  
Information inside!*

**6.0 CLE has been  
applied for.**

# Schedule of Events

## Thursday, April 23, 2026

12:30PM  
Registration

12:55 - 1:00 PM  
Opening Remarks

1:00 - 1:50 PM  
**Defending the Defenses: Protecting Privileged Communications in Insurance and Bad Faith Litigation**  
*Jonathan Schwartz, Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP*

1:50 – 2:00 PM  
Break

2:00 - 2:50 PM  
**Untangling the Coverage Knot: Presenting Complex (and Simple) Coverage Arguments to Trial and Appellate Courts**  
*Alexander C. Lemke & David McCormack, Meissner Tierney Fisher & Nichols S.C.*

2:50 – 3:00 PM  
Break

3:00 - 3:50 PM  
**What Actually Won the Case: Inside a Defense Verdict in a Recent Civil Trial**  
*Joseph Mirabella, Simpson & Deardorff, S.C., & Judge Zachary A. Wittchow, Waukesha County Circuit Court*

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
Cocktail Reception

## Hotel Information

The American Club  
419 Highland Dr.  
Kohler, WI 53044

Call the American Club at 844-409-5614 and reference Reservation 586088 to reserve your room. A special rate of \$256 for single/double occupancy is available. Please notify the reservation department that you are with the Wisconsin Defense Counsel (WDC) 2026 Spring Conference.

**WDC Room Block Deadline:**  
April 3, 2026, 5:00 PM CST



## Friday, April 24, 2026

7:00 - 8:00 AM  
**Gentle Yoga and Meditation\***  
*Sponsored by the WDC Wellness Committee*

8:15 - 9:00 AM  
**Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00 - 9:50 AM  
**Beyond the Diagnosis: Understanding Concussions and Headaches in Personal Injury Litigation**  
*Dr. Sepehr B. Sani, Sponsored by WDC Corporate Sponsor, Woodlake Medical Management*

9:50 – 10:00 AM  
Break

10:00 - 10:50 AM  
**The Latest in Appraisal**  
*Erik M. Gustafson, von Briesen & Roper, s.c.*

10:50 – 11:00 AM  
Break

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM  
**Playing Defense at 30(b)(6) Depositions**  
*Frederick Strampe,, Borgelt, Powell, Peterson & Frauen, S.C.*

11:50 AM  
Adjourn

**\* Gentle Yoga and Meditation**  
*Sponsored by the WDC Wellness Committee*  
No Fee; Limited to 30 Attendees

*Unwind and recharge with this calming session designed to support both physical and mental well-being. Through gentle yoga movements, mindful breathing, and guided meditation, participants will release tension, improve flexibility, and cultivate a sense of balance and relaxation. This welcoming session is suitable for all experience levels. Dress comfortably and yoga mats will be provided.*

# 2026 WDC Spring Conference Registration

## TO REGISTER FOR THE WINTER CONFERENCE

Fill out this page and mail it back to the WDC office with payment. You may fax with credit card payment to: (414) 755-1346.

**Registration is also available online at [www.wdc-online.org](http://www.wdc-online.org)**

### ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm/Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### PRICING INFORMATION

#### WDC Member Attorney

- \$295 - Attorneys Full Conference  
 \$185 - Attorneys One Day  
 Thursday  Friday

#### WDC Member Non-Attorney

- \$185 - Full Conference  
 \$135 - Non-Attorneys One Day  
 Thursday  Friday

#### WDC Non-Member Attorney

- \$325 - Attorneys Full Conference  
 \$225 - Non-Attorneys One Day  
 Thursday  Friday  
 \$200 - Attorneys One Day  
 Thursday  Friday

#### Law Student

- \$0 - Complimentary

*Please note, your name will be displayed on the WDC website as attending this meeting.*

Check here to opt out of this listing

*Please note, your contact information will be provided to on-site sponsors at this meeting.*

Check here to opt out of this listing

*I would like to attend Gentle Yoga and Meditation on Friday Morning*

*Limited to 30 Attendees*

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make Checks Payable to: WDC Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Payment**  Visa  Mastercard  Discover  AMEX

*We cannot accept emailed credit card information. Please FAX (414-755-1346), mail - or register online.*

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Notice given more than 72 hours before the start of the program will receive a 100% refund. Cancellations of 24-72 hours will be charged a \$25 processing fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations of 24 hours prior to the conference or later.

**If you have any questions, please contact the WDC office: (414) 276-1881 or E-mail: [info@WDC-online.org](mailto:info@WDC-online.org)**