

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Wisconsin Defense Counsel (WDC) is a premier statewide organization of more than 350 defense attorneys. Our primary role is to provide a professional defense for individuals and businesses involved as defendants in civil lawsuits. The association was founded in 1962 and is dedicated to the defense of Wisconsin citizens and businesses, the maintenance of an equitable civil justice system, and the education of its attorney members.

EDUCATION

WDC holds three education programs during the year, all of which provide continuing legal education (CLE) credits. Strong, substantive programs present the latest developments in the field of civil litigation. These programs bring together insurance industry claims staff and defense attorneys to share common problems and concerns on an informal basis.

JOURNAL

The WDC publishes a scholarly journal, *Wisconsin Civil Trial Journal*, that will provide you with detailed information on tort topics and matters of interest to the defense bar. Three issues are published each year. Articles from previous issues are available at www.wdc-online.org.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

The Young Lawyers Section is made up of lawyers practicing across every substantive area within the defense bar. The Section's mission is to provide professional development opportunities, quality CLE programs and networking opportunities for lawyers within the first 10 years of bar admission. Members of the Section hold in-person social gatherings in conjunction with the conferences. The Section members have also taken on public service projects, blogging and networking through social networking sites.

EXPERT WITNESS & DEPOSITION REQUESTS

Members can find expert witnesses or copies of depositions in various subject fields by using the knowledge and experience of other members. Requests are sent by broadcast email to all WDC members.

LEGISLATIVE

WDC is the legislative liaison to the Wisconsin Assembly for the defense bar. The Legislative Committee monitors pending legislation and administrative rules. Through the services of a professional lobbyist in Madison, WDC develops and promotes legislation that enhances the position of the defense bar by preparing and presenting position papers on current legislative issues. WDC also files Amicus curiae briefs in cases of significance and importance to the defense bar. Members also receive the monthly email newsletter, Political Tidbits, which contains all the latest news and information in Madison and the legislature.

WEB RESOURCES

Members are included in a searchable database on the WDC web site with a link to your web site. Members can also obtain all the seminar outlines that are presented at WDC educational events online. These outlines are a quick and easy way to get access to the latest information on various topics.

LIAISON WITH DRI - THE VOICE OF THE DEFENSE BAR

DRI (Defense Research Institute) is the international organization of defense trial lawyers and corporate counsel. DRI provides numerous educational and informational resources to defense trial lawyers. DRI seeks to maintain a grassroots perspective on defense issues through its affiliation with various state and local defense organizations, including WDC. WDC provides a DRI State Representative to serve as a liaison to the DRI Board of Directors who represent the interests of state and local organizations.

LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - FREE

In addition to the benefits that all WDC members enjoy, Law Student Members will receive complimentary registration (excludes travel and hotel) to the WDC Spring, Annual and Winter Conferences. Law Student Members will have access to WDC members who can provide law school advice, career guidance, mentorship, networking, and more. You'll find a wealth of experiences and voices that connect you to the next steps in your career.

BECOME A MEMBER

The Board of Directors may establish categories of membership. Any member of the State Bar of Wisconsin who devotes 50 percent or more of his or her professional time to the defense of civil litigation is eligible for full membership. Any person or entity who devotes less than 50 percent of his or her professional time to defense of civil litigation is eligible for an associate membership. Any member of the State Bar of Wisconsin or other licensing authority of his or her respective state whose bar license is in inactive status is eligible for an inactive attorney's membership. Any person who is not a licensed attorney but is employed as a claims professional by a corporation or insurance company, and who devotes 50 percent or more of his or her professional time hiring or supervising outside counsel in the representation of business, insurance companies or their insureds, associations or governmental entities in civil litigation, or those claims executives who directly or indirectly manage other professionals who do so are eligible for a claims professional membership. The Board of Directors may, in their discretion, restrict participation at meetings, attendance at seminars and other events, list serv participation, voting on matters of WDC business, and service on the Board of Directors or as an Officer of WDC to those with full membership.

WDC has five membership categories, firm membership, individual full membership, law student membership, individual associate membership or inactive attorney membership.

TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW
AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO:

6737 W. WASHINGTON ST., SUITE 4210, MILWAUKEE, WI 53214

-OR- SIGN-UP ONLINE AT WWW.WDC-ONLINE.ORG

FIRM MEMBERSHIP:

Firms where 10 or more attorneys are members of WDC are eligible to pay a set dues amount based on the number of members.

Number of Members	Dues per firm
10-15 Members.....	\$215/member
16-20 Members.....	\$200/member
21-30 Members.....	\$185/member
31+ Members.....	\$180/member

INDIVIDUAL FULL MEMBERSHIP:

Individual members or firms with fewer than 10 attorneys who are members of WDC are eligible to pay a set dues amount per attorney. Any member of the State Bar of Wisconsin who devotes 50 percent or more of his or her professional time to the defense of civil litigation is eligible for full membership.

Years admitted to the bar	Dues per attorney
First Year of Membership.....	\$0
Admitted to the Bar 3 years or fewer.....	\$135
Admitted to the Bar 4 years or more.....	\$250
Law Student Membership.....	\$0

INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Individual Associate membership means 50% or less of the member's time is devoted to civil litigation defense.

Years admitted to the bar	Dues per attorney
First Year of Membership.....	\$0
Associate Member 3 years or fewer.....	\$135
Associate Member 4 years or more.....	\$250

NEW! INACTIVE ATTORNEY MEMBERSHIP:

Any member of the State Bar of Wisconsin or other licensing authority of his or her respective state whose bar license is in inactive status is eligible for an inactive attorney's membership.

	Dues per attorney
Membership.....	\$100

WDC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Firm/School: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____ Firm web site: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Firm Membership

Number of members in firm:

10-15 (\$215/member) 16-20 (\$200/member)

21-30 (\$185/member) 31+ (\$180/member)

Individual Full Membership

Number of years admitted to the bar:

First Year (FREE) 3 years or fewer (\$135) 4 years or more (\$250)

Law Student Membership

FREE - Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Year in Law School: 1st 2nd 3rd

Individual Associate Membership

First Year (FREE)

Associate Member 3 years or fewer (\$135)

Associate Member 4 years or more (\$250)

Inactive Attorney Membership

1 year (\$100)

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check (Payable to WDC in U.S. Funds) -OR- VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

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

Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Security Code: _____

(Last 3 or 4 digits on back of card)

Signature: _____

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DE&I VOLUNTARY SURVEY

In collaboration with WDC's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, the Wisconsin Defense Council (WDC) would like to collect the following information to better understand the demographics of our members. The information collected will help the WDC to deliver topical programming that is of interest to our membership. None of the information provided in response will be disseminated outside of WDC for any purpose. Completion of the following questions are voluntary.



1. What is your gender identity? Please circle all that apply.
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Non-Binary
 - d. Transgender
 - e. Intersex
 - f. Other: _____
 - g. Prefer not to answer.
2. What is your sexual orientation? Please circle all that apply.
 - a. Straight
 - b. Lesbian
 - c. Gay
 - d. Bisexual
 - e. Questioning
 - f. Asexual
 - g. Other: _____
 - h. Prefer not to answer.
3. What is your racial identity? Please circle all that apply.
 - a. White/Caucasian
 - b. Black or African American
 - c. Latinx or Hispanic
 - d. American Indian or Alaska Native
 - e. Asian
 - f. Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
 - g. Middle Eastern
 - h. Other: _____
 - i. Prefer not to answer.
4. What is your religious identity? Please circle all that apply.
 - a. Christian
 - b. Buddhist
 - c. Hindu
 - d. Jewish
 - e. Muslim
 - f. Sikh
 - g. Spiritual
 - h. Agnostic
 - i. Atheist
 - j. Other: _____
 - k. Prefer not to answer.
5. What is your political identity? Please circle all that apply.
 - a. Democrat
 - b. Republican
 - c. Independent
 - d. Other: _____
 - e. Prefer not to answer.