

## Membership Information

Wisconsin Defense Counsel (WDC) is a premier statewide organization of more than 450 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](http://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 gatherings in the Madison, Milwaukee and La Crosse areas several times a year. 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

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](http://www.wdc-online.org)

WDC bylaws state that eligible WDC members are, "Any member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and who devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional time in the defense of civil litigation."

WDC has two membership categories, firm membership or individual membership.

## 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 Membership:

Firms in which fewer than 10 attorneys are members of WDC are eligible to pay a set dues amount per attorney.

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

## 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 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:  1<sup>st</sup>    2<sup>nd</sup>    3<sup>rd</sup>

### 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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