

CHICAGO ATTORNEY HONORED FOR SERVICE TO STATEWIDE ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION

Noted Chicago lawyer Daniel Cray of Clarendon Hills has received a top honor for his years of service to the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel. The IDC is a statewide association with more than 1000 member attorneys. Cray was honored by the IDC board of directors at the organization's annual meeting.

Cray is a founding member of Cray, Huber, Horstman, Heil & Van Ausdal LLC. With over 25 years experience, Cray is a nationally recognized litigator. He has represented both individual and corporate clients in high profile catastrophic loss cases. A much in-demand lecturer, Cray has also published extensively. He was named an Illinois Leading Lawyer for 2005-2006 and an Illinois Super Lawyer for 2007.

Cray was elected to the board of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel in 2001, but he has been active in the association for more than a decade. He has chaired committees, and frequently served as an instructor at seminars, including the IDC Trial Academy. The Academy has helped hundreds of lawyers, many of whom are beginning litigators to enhance and refine critical courtroom skills.

As an attorney at the top of a profession noted for its often brutally long workdays, Cray has distinguished himself in the statewide association by freely donating many hours. He notes, "When I joined the IDC Board of Directors, I was looking to give back to a profession in which I have enjoyed some success. Little did I know that I would get back as much as I gave in service to this great association."

Cray is a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Law, Champaign, Illinois. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar, and is admitted to the United States District Court for the North District of Illinois, United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, and the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit. He has received admission into the courts of over 25 different jurisdictions.

The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC) was organized in 1964 and currently has more than 1,000 members. The purpose of the organization is to promote improvements in the administration of justice and enhance the service of the legal profession to the public; to encourage the prompt, fair and just disposition of tort litigation; to enhance the knowledge and improve the skills of defense lawyers; to advance the equitable and expeditious handling of disputes arising under all forms of insurance and surety contracts and to work for the elimination of court congestion and delays in civil litigation. Membership in the IDC is open to any attorney who is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois; who is engaged actively in the practice of law either privately or on behalf of his/her corporate employer; who is of high professional standard; and who devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional practice to the representation of business, corporate, insurance, professional or individual civil litigants involving tort, contract, insurance, employment, municipal or business matters, and do not, for the most part, represent plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.