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## Seminars

At MDTC's Summer Conference and Winter Conference, experienced practitioners and recognized experts share their insights and experiences with members.

Throughout the year, many various easy-to-attend teleconferences on cutting edge topics of interest to the novice and expert practitioners are provided.

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## Practice Sections

MDTC has sections for several practice areas, and each section maintains a listserv where members can share their experience and expertise.

- Law Practice Management
- Municipal & Gov't Liability
- Professional Liability & Health Care
- Trial Practice
- Workers Compensation
- Young Lawyers
- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- General Liability
- In-house Counsel
- Insurance
- Labor and Employment



## Judicial and Legislative Advocacy

MDTC speaks out on issues of importance to the defense bar. MDTC's legislative liaison monitors activities in the state legislature and advises members of anticipated developments.

The Supreme Court often asks MDTC to file amicus curiae briefs on behalf of its members to represent the interests of the defense bar, and MDTC has played an important role in shaping judicial policy.

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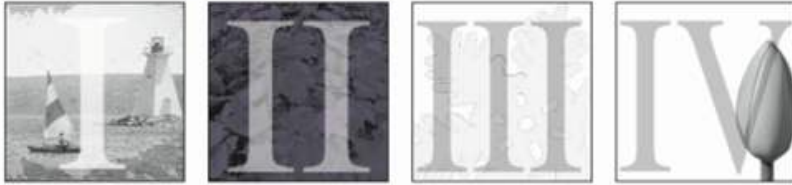
# MICHIGAN DEFENSE QUARTERLY

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## The Quarterly

In January, April, July, and October, MDTC publishes its Michigan Defense Quarterly, with articles on a broad range of topics, practice tips, member news, and more.

The Quarterly is a good place to learn what others know and share what you know. A great opportunity for authors! You can also advertise your expertise in the Member to Member Services section.



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## Networking

MDTC members have access to one of the best resources for information on the practice of law, and on building a practice – other members.

Membership in MDTC is a perfect way to start and even expand the networking that is essential to the success of any practitioner.

From leadership opportunities, to judicial receptions, to banquet dinners and some just for fun social outings (including our annual golf outing), the gamut of opportunities are here.



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"I first became a member very early on in my career to meet new people and to attend MDTC's seminars at a discount. I was a little nervous that the more experienced attorneys would pay no attention to a young lawyer like me. I was wrong. The members were very inviting, and I ended up making life-long friends. I even served on the board until I termed out. The camaraderie is amazing, and the members provide a wealth of experience that I can tap into. This was especially important when I moved in-house and was the only attorney on staff. I have learned not only from MDTC's seminars, but from the members; not just about the law, but about being an attorney."



Allison C. Reuter  
Amway

"I joined the MDTC in August 2015, when I was asked to be the editor for Michigan Defense Quarterly. I accepted the invitation and haven't looked back. Working on the Quarterly has been an extremely rewarding experience. It exposes me to a variety of practice areas and keeps me up to date on the most current and pressing legal issues. Attending board and future-planning meetings has given me a perspective on how a top-notch organization is run. The MDTC is truly a statewide organization. And I've benefitted greatly from that reach, meeting attorneys who, as an appellate specialist, I wouldn't otherwise meet. Like all organizations, it is what you make of it. So I encourage all defense attorneys to take full advantage of the opportunities that the MDTC provides, particularly by writing an article for the Quarterly!"



Michael J. Cook  
Collins Einhorn Farrell PC

"I joined MDTC as a new attorney and when I attended my first MDTC winter meeting I was impressed with the breadth of information provided and the caliber of the speakers who presented. Since that time, I have made it a point to attend as many events as possible. I find that the general membership, as well as the board and MDTC's staff, are very welcoming. My connections are proving to be very useful in navigating the legal profession and I know I can call on many of the people I have come to know through MDTC for advice or help with other activities I am involved in. It's by far one of the most valuable memberships I have had since beginning my practice."



Samantha Orvis  
Secret Wardle

"I joined the MDTC about halfway through my career as a defense attorney after starting out on the dark side. Initially I was just going to attend seminars and use the CLE's for my Ohio license requirements, but after meeting many of the members and Board, and seeing the value of the seminars, connections and the organization as a whole, I wanted to get more involved. The Board included me first as a section chair and now as a Board Member. The MDTC organization is dedicated to promoting the stature and experience of its members through comradery, education, resources and exposure. My involvement has been invaluable to me and my firm and is the perfect addition to any defense lawyer's repertoire to be successful in the defense of professionals, businesses and citizens in all areas of the law."



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