

MEDIA LAW RESOURCE CENTER

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DEFENSE COUNSEL SECTION ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete and return this questionnaire as soon as possible.

1. Name _____
Firm Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Representative's Phone Number _____
Firm's Fax Number _____
E-mail Address _____

*N.B.: You have received this questionnaire because we understand that you will be your firm's "Representative" to the Defense Counsel Section for purposes of receiving DCS mailings and casting any votes for officers, etc. in connection with DCS operation. For administrative efficiency, only one member of your firm is designated as its "Representative". However, all interested firm members can be added to the list to receive the *MediaLawLetter* via email and are welcome, and indeed, invited to work on Section projects and programs, as appropriate. If you are not to be your firm's Representative, please give this Questionnaire to the firm's Representative and have him/her indicate the appropriate changes in name, etc.

2. Please list names, direct-dial telephone numbers (if applicable or different from Representative's telephone number), and email addresses of other firm members or associates who may be interested in working on section projects and programs.

N.B.: This is for our information purposes only, and does not either require participation of those listed or preclude participation of persons not listed

Name

Telephone

Email

(Use a continuation sheet, if necessary)

Defense Counsel Section Directory Branch Offices to be included in the DCS Directory
(Note: We ask that only branch offices with meaningful libel defense capacity be listed.)

Contact Person in that office (required) _____
Address _____
City State Zip _____
Telephone _____ Facsimile Number _____
Email address _____

(Use a continuation sheet, if necessary)

4. COMMITTEES

Various Defense Counsel Section committees have already been established. However, there may be openings on many of those committees and new projects are currently being developed. If you or your colleagues are interested in working on a committee please enter the name of the attorney and their first and second choices from the committees listed below.

Advertising & Commercial Speech	Legislative Affairs
Employment Law	<i>MediaLawLetter</i>
Entertainment Law	Membership
Ethics	Newsgathering
International Media Law	Pre-Publication /Pre-Broadcast
Internet Law	Pre-Trial
Jury Debriefing Project	Trial Techniques
Jury Instructions	

1. Attorney Name: _____ 1st Choice Committee: _____
2nd Choice Committee: _____

2. Attorney Name: _____ 1st Choice Committee: _____
2nd Choice Committee: _____

3. Attorney Name: _____ 1st Choice Committee: _____
2nd Choice Committee: _____

4. Attorney Name: _____ 1st Choice Committee: _____
2nd Choice Committee: _____

(Use a continuation sheet, if necessary)

Can you suggest any other committees that might be established on which you would be willing to work?

6. Section Brief Bank:

MLRC maintains a library of briefs on significant libel and privacy matters for use by Section members and their clients. We need the cooperation of Section members to keep the brief bank up-to-date. Would your firm be willing to share your briefs with other Section members through the Section brief bank?

Yes

No

Please submit, in electronic format, any recent briefs produced by your firm and continue to send us relevant briefs in the future.

7. EXPERT WITNESS BANK

MLRC also maintains a library of materials on expert witnesses, both those who testify for plaintiffs in libel and privacy actions and those who testify for defendants. The experts cover a wide range of expertise.

Please indicate whether or not you have used, or plaintiffs in your cases have used, any expert witnesses in recent cases (in the last 3-4 years):

Yes

No

If so, please identify the expert, the expertise, and where possible, enclose any CV, deposition or trial testimony, or other materials about the witness that you might think useful.

Please let us know if, in any future cases, you have the name of, and /or any materials on any expert.

With your help, we hope to have a library that can provide assistance to you, as well as to your colleagues in the defense bar, on this vital piece of libel and privacy litigation.

8. INTERNATIONAL COUNSEL

MLRC has just begun to compile a list of media counsel outside of the United States. If you have worked with counsel overseas whom you would recommend to others in the media and defense counsel community, please list them below with their addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers, email addresses, etc.

9. OTHER LIBRARIES

MLRC also maintains libraries of jury instructions, law review and other articles on subjects of interest to Section members. If now, or at any time, you have such an article and would like to see it included in our library, please send it to us.

10. OTHER SECTION PROJECTS:

Please indicate any other Section project(s) that you feel ought to be considered. Please elaborate on your proposals to the extent appropriate.

11. Are you interested in writing an article for the *MLRC Bulletin* or *MediaLawLetter*?

Yes

No

Maybe

12. "DEFENSE COUNSEL ONLY"

Since membership in the Defense Counsel Section is limited to "Defense Counsel Only" we feel it is appropriate to request that each proposed member firm [list their media clients (or a representative sampling of same), and] confirm that it does not represent plaintiffs in libel, privacy or related actions, at least in actions against media defendants and/or journalists.

_____ No, neither I nor my firm represent plaintiffs in libel, privacy or related actions.

13. OTHER COMMENTS:

Please provide any other comments or suggestions you have regarding any aspect of the Defense Counsel Section.

It would be of some use to us in our research and other projects to know which media clients your firm represents:

My media clients are / include: _____

Signature of person completing questionnaire _____

Date completed _____