

30th President of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, Inc.
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**MICHIGAN DEFENSE TRIAL COUNSEL, INC.
ANNOUNCES 30th PRESIDENT**

Steven Johnston has been elected President of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) for 2009-2010. Steve is the Vice President, Chief Operating Officer for the law firm of Berry, Johnston, Szykiel & Hunt, P.C., with offices in Troy and Zeeland, Michigan. His practice is focused on Employment, Product Liability, Personal Injury, Insurance and Commercial Litigation. Steve graduated with a B.A. cum laude from Michigan State University and with a J.D. from the University of Detroit School of Law.

Steve is a long-term member of the Board of MDTC and is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and the Oakland and Macomb County Bar Associations. Steve is also a member of the Defense Research Institute and the State Bar of Michigan Negligence Law Section.

Also elected as officers of the MDTC for 2009-2010 are Vice President, Lori A. Ittner, Garan Lucow Miller, P.C., Treasurer, Phillip C. Korevegis, Butzel Long and Secretary, Timothy A. Diemer, Jacobs and Diemer PC

Newly elected to the board: Diana Lee Khachaturian, Dickinson Wright PLLC & Richard J. Joppich, Kithch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook

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