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FIRST NON-AMERICAN NAMED IADC PRESIDENT

CHICAGO - At its Annual Meeting in July, held at The Fairmont Chateau Whistler in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) elected **William J. (Bill) Perry** President for the 2011-2012 term. He is the first non-American lawyer in history to be elected to this prestigious position in the Association. The IADC is an invitation-only professional association for corporate and insurance defense lawyers around the world.

Mr. Perry is Senior Partner of Carter Perry Bailey in London, England. His practice centers on insurance and reinsurance coverage issues, litigation and arbitration as well as advice on policy wordings. He has practised in the field of insurance and reinsurance since the early 1980s and acts for clients in a wide variety of jurisdictions. He has been a Leading Individual included in Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession from 2001 to date. He is recognised by the market and that directory as an expert in the specialist field of fine art insurance and also in London market property/casualty and film finance disputes. In reinsurance, he handles a wide range of disputes, whether facultative or treaty, in both litigation and arbitration and handled the 2009 landmark House of Lords re-insurance case AGF and Wasa -v- Lexington for successful appellants AGF. Mr. Perry is also a member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Solicitors.

Mr. Perry holds a Ph. D. and M.A. from Oxford University. He has been active in local community affairs for many years. Mr. Perry was a Councillor in the Boroughs where he lived for 12 years, has stood for Parliament twice, and been both Chairman and President of his Constituency party.

Mr. Perry has been a member of the IADC Board of Directors since July 2007. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Institute of Art and Law and a Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts.

The International Association of Defense Counsel has served a distinguished membership of corporate and insurance defense attorneys since 1920. Its activities benefit the approximately 2,300 invitation-only, peer-reviewed international members and their clients through networking, education, and professional opportunities, and also benefit the civil justice system and the legal profession. The IADC takes a leadership role in many areas of legal interest and professional development.

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