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# Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel

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## DRI Southwest Regional Meeting Report

DRI representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico meet in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 12-13, 2016, for the DRI Southwest Regional Meeting. Bryan C. Garcia, Southwest Regional Director, presided, and Jason B. Hendren gave an update on the Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel.

A primary focus of the meeting was DRI's dedication to becoming more visible and available to its membership in Arkansas. DRI Immediate Past President John Parker Sweeney made a commitment to work with Mr. Garcia and Mr. Hendren to foster greater communication and involvement between DRI and AADC.

DRI plans to emphasize the business development and networking opportunities members of the AADC can take advantage of by participating (and hopefully hosting) future DRI seminars and events. DRI wants to have more AADC members serve on substantive law committees and get started on leadership paths within DRI.

DRI also wants AADC members to take the opportunity to attend national meetings, where many of their clients hold panel counsel meetings and related events. This also provides access to in-house counsel from various industries with whom AADC members can and should be working to develop stronger ties.

DRI also wants to do more to involve AADC members, as well as Arkansas trial and appeal court judges, in the Center for Law and Public Policy. DRI National Director Dan K. Worthington presented on the work of the Center and the vital role it plays increasingly in protecting the civil jury trial system across our nation.

DRI recognizes the growth of AADC and wants to help the visibility and prestige of AADC in terms of increased public policy influence here in Arkansas. It wants to provide resources the AADC can use to grow its membership and become a stronger voice in Arkansas.

In closing, Mr. Garcia discussed tentative plans for holding the 2017 Southwest Regional Meeting jointly with the Central and/or North Central Regions. The hope is to promote even broader opportunities for defense and in-house counsel in Arkansas and throughout the Southwest Region.

DRI is not an invitation only organization. It is open to all those who wish to learn and benefit from the many opportunities DRI has to offer. If you are not a member of DRI, join now! It's an investment in your career, your clients and your future!

The thanks of the AADC go out to Jason Hendren of Wright, Lindsey & Jennings for writing this report.



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