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**PRINCIPAL TYPE OF PRACTICE**

You may list up to three area(s) of concentration in the Membership Directory. Choose from the list found at www.mddefensecounsel.org/directory/members\_new.html

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
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**BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

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**COMMITTEE PREFERENCE**

*Standing Committees:*

- Appellate Practice
  - Judicial Selections
  - Legislative
  - Programs & Membership
  - Publications
  - Sponsorship
  - Young Lawyers (In practice 10 years or less)
- Please provide 1st year of practice \_\_\_\_\_

*Substantive Law Sub-Committees:*

- Commercial Law
- Construction Liability
- Employment Law
- Health Care and Compliance
- Lead Paint
- Privacy, Data, and Security
- Products Liability
- Workers' Compensation

**I HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND CERTIFY:**

That I am actively engaged in the practice of law in Maryland, devoting the majority of my litigation-related time to the defense of civil litigation.

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Signature of Applicant Date



**PAC Contribution:** \$15 of each member's dues is contributed directly to the MDC State PAC account to be used for political activities and will be reported as required under state law. **To the extent that dues are paid by a firm on behalf of a member in the MDC, any contribution to the PAC will be reported as a firm contribution, rather than in the name of the individual member.**

The contribution amount is merely a suggestion and each member is free to contribute more or less than that amount, although particular designations shall apply to those who contribute certain amounts.

Any portion of your dues designated for the PAC are not deductible for income tax purposes.

**Business Expense Deduction:** Your dues payment is not deductible as a charitable contribution but will, in general, be deductible for most members as an ordinary and necessary business expense, except to the extent provided in the next

sentence. Pursuant to the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, MDC estimates that 35% of your dues payment will not be deductible as a business expense because of MDC's lobbying activities on behalf of its members.

Contribution amount if different than \$15

Contributions to political committees are strictly voluntary and no member will be subject to reprisal for declining to contribute. If you do not wish for any of your membership dues to be contributed to the MDC State PAC account, please sign where indicated below. If opting out full payments will go directly to dues, or you may deduct \$15 from your dues.

Signature

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**Melissa Sylvester**  
**Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.**  
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In either case, please send **both pages** of this application to the address above, or e-mail to [ed@mddefensecounsel.org](mailto:ed@mddefensecounsel.org).

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