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Expert involvements
added in the fourth
quarter of 1998
■ 27,764 ■

Frequency of successful
searches this year
■ 75.8% ■

Total database records
as of Dec. 10, 1998
■ 703,441 ■

Number of defense
offices in the network
■ 2,857 ■

IDEX offers deposition procurement

For those of you who don't have enough hours in the day to track down referenced cases found on an IDEX Testimonial History Report, IDEX offers a new service; we procure them for you!

We ask that you take the expert's Testimonial History Report, mark the cases for which you would like to receive transcripts, and send a copy of the list back to us. Please let us know any time constraints you may have. The cost is \$65 for each document we are able to obtain, regardless of the length of the document. In the very rare exception where our costs are substantially above average, we will

get approval from you before obtaining the document on your behalf.

U.S. Priority Mail delivery is included with this price. Any expedited delivery, such as UPS or Federal Express, is an additional charge. If we already have a specific transcript in our library, your cost to obtain it remains at \$30 plus 15 cents per page. The cost for electronic transcripts is a flat \$30.

If you have any questions, please call our toll free number, (800) 521-5596, and ask for Sherri. ☺

Free Transcript Archive - Instant Access Help your Firm, Help your Clients, Help your Network

IDEX offers defense firms **something free - Electronic Transcript Storage**. Members have repeatedly stated concern over increased transcript storage, retrieval and reproduction costs. While expert transcripts are probably the most valuable part of a closed case, if you can't find them or afford to store them, then there is little benefit in hanging on to them. Take the smart way out. Join other defense firms and send your transcripts to the IDEX Network.

When you send us the ASCII copy of

your expert transcripts, IDEX will archive them for your firm. We will keep track of every transcript your firm submits and provide the following:

- Periodic reports of your transcripts stored at IDEX.
- Free ASCII or laser printed copies of any transcripts submitted by your firm.
- Testimonial History Plus. When your firm submits an expert's transcript, IDEX archives the document. Subsequently, when you request a testimonial history

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Most Wanted

While IDEX completes more than 3,000 searches every month, occasionally we have no information on an expert. If you are familiar with any of these witnesses, please contact IDEX.

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Bulletin Board

EXPERTS NEEDED

STEEL INDUSTRY

or metallurgy expert from Toledo, OH or Detroit, MI.

LAW PROFESSOR

specializing in torts. Prefer Northeast or Mid-Atlantic area.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

in family practice. Southeast location.

INSURANCE

expert with experience in toxic tort cases. Any location acceptable.

EAST COAST

bioethics expert sought.

EXPERTS NEEDED (con't)

COMPUTER

security expert. Preferably with knowledge of UNIX operating system.

ENGINEER

with experience in water treatment systems. Will accept any location.

OBGYN

with knowledge of fascial sling procedure. Any location.

If you know of an expert who can meet these requirements, please call IDEX at 1-800-521-5596. We'll pass along the information to the member who requested our help.

Plaintiff requests

As most of you know, IDEX has always served the defense bar and will continue to do so.

Nevertheless, we receive requests from our defense clients who have taken an occasional plaintiff case, asking us to accommodate them on researching the defendant's, or possibly their own, experts. At first, our policy was simply to deny the request. However several years ago we modified that position, and can generally accommodate those requests under the following circumstances: If the defense attorney, insurance

company (if applicable) and the defendant are **not** IDEX members, we can perform a testimonial history search and provide information which we have developed through **public record sources**. We will not include information on cases we received from other IDEX members, either from requests or cases contributed by the member.

As a defense organization, we will continue to maintain our defense posture and to accommodate our members without compromising our integrity. ☞

IDEX Pro Files

Patty Hamilton, of our Testimonial History Research Department, has worked with IDEX for nearly 3 years. Patty lived 30 years in St. Joseph, MO and then in Kansas, Iowa and Indiana. Married for 35 years to husband Dan, Patty has two daughters: Kelli, who is married to an attorney; and Kristi, who is an attorney herself; and a granddaughter, Delaney. Their family also includes two dogs and a cat.

Patty is an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan and also follows Iowa Hawkeye football and basketball. She enjoys bridge, walking and reading. ☞



Patty Hamilton

Electronic transcripts (Continued from page 1)

for that expert, IDEX will send an ASCII copy of the original transcript along with the testimonial history report.

- 24 Hour Instant Access. Night or day, you will always have access to your transcripts through the Internet. Just log into IDEX On-Line and search for the expert. If a transcript was submitted by your firm, you can download the document instantly at no cost.

When you join this program, IDEX asks that all documents be sent in ASCII format on diskette or uploaded to the network's web site. Then all documents will be available for the benefit of other IDEX members. After all, this is what the network is all about.

Other defense firms have taken advantage of the IDEX Testimonial Archive. Call Bob White or Bob Parker today and ask for a Testimonial Archive Information Packet. Then take a load off your firm. ☞

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Q. Why do I need to fill out an IDEX Request Form?

A. There are three primary reasons for using a request form when requesting information:

The form provides you a tool to facilitate the request process.

- “Key issues” contribute to the identification of the expert, especially when searching for articles authored by an expert.
- When reviewing IDEX reports, key issues allow defense attorneys and their staff to make informed decisions regarding which cases to follow up for transcripts.
- The “plaintiff” and “defendant” names help to avoid duplicating a search previously done for your client (or your defense firm).

The information you provide adds a case to the expert’s case file.

- It is the single largest source of information in the database.
- This enhances the value of the database for ALL members.

By gathering case information we are able to screen each request, and feel confident that we are adhering to our policy of working only for the defense (see article on plaintiff requests in this issue.)

- When we have court docket information, IDEX will, on occasion, confirm case information with the court. ⌘

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