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**P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

**Lori A. Ittner Becomes Treasurer of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Board**

**GRAND RAPIDS** – June 29, 2007 – **Lori A. Ittner**, a shareholder in the Grand Rapids office of Garan Lucow Miller, P.C., accepts the nomination to treasurer of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) Board effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Ms. Ittner is only the second woman in MDTC's 30-year history to have held this position. MDTC officially announced the nominations at the annual MDTC Summer Conference in Traverse City on June 23.

Ms. Ittner graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a B.A. in 1984 and earned her J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1988. Her areas of practice include automobile negligence, Michigan first-party benefits, balance billing issues, ERISA litigation and coverage litigation. She has presented numerous seminars on various topics including no fault, balance billing, ERISA, tort reform, Michigan first-party litigation, negotiation strategies, catastrophic loss and vocational rehabilitation management.

MDTC was established in 1979 to enhance and promote the Defense Bar. It exists to facilitate greater exchange of views and advance the interests of civil defense attorneys. Visit [www.mdtc.org](http://www.mdtc.org) for more information.

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