

Stanczyk elected to board of directors of international organization

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Matthew J. Stanczyk, a partner of Plunkett Cooney – one of the Midwest's oldest and most accomplished law firms – was recently elected to the board of directors of ALFA International.

Stanczyk was elected to the three-year term at the conclusion of the ALFA Attorney Business Meeting in Chicago on Oct. 24. The board consists of 16 member-firm attorneys from the United States and around the world who together ensure proper governance of the organization.

The selection process includes peer nomination to a nominating committee that then selects individuals for the open board positions (typically four). The nominating committee then submits the names to the board of directors for approval. Following board review and approval, the candidates are submitted to the membership, which includes members from across the world, which casts their votes at ALFA's annual business meeting to finalize the election process.

"My election to the board is an honor and a privilege," said Stanczyk, who was also recently selected to serve as Chair of ALFA International's Product Liability & Complex Torts Practice Group. "I look forward to working with this group of remarkable attorneys and ALFA management and collaborating with them to capitalize on opportunities for the organization and to address challenges in our profession."

Founded in 1980, ALFA International is the premier network of independent law firms in the world with 150 member firms. ALFA's 80 U.S. firms maintain offices in 95 of the 100 largest metropolitan areas, and the consortium's 70 international firms are located throughout Europe, Asia, Australia/New Zealand, Africa, Canada, Mexico and South America.

A member of Plunkett Cooney's Detroit office, Stanczyk serves as a member of the firm's Board of Directors and co-leader of Torts & Litigation Practice Group, which focuses on a range of litigation issues, including product liability, complex torts, general liability, retail liability, and foodservice and hospitality law.

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A 1986 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and a 1983 graduate of the University of Michigan, Stanczyk is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Detroit Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan (Negligence and Consumer Law sections), American Bar Association, DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar, among others.

In addition, Stanczyk is the recipient of such professional honors as Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer review rating-AV Preeminent™, the Michigan Super Lawyer designation for his product liability expertise and selection by Dbusiness magazine as a Top Lawyer in the area of product liability.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is a leading provider of business and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs approximately 140 attorneys in seven Michigan cities, Chicago, Illinois; Columbus, Ohio; and Indianapolis, Indiana. Plunkett Cooney has achieved the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms. The firm was also selected by Crain's Detroit Business as its inaugural Law Firm of the Year.

For more information about Matthew Stanczyk serving on the Board of Directors of ALFA International, contact the firm's Director of Marketing and Business Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008; jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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