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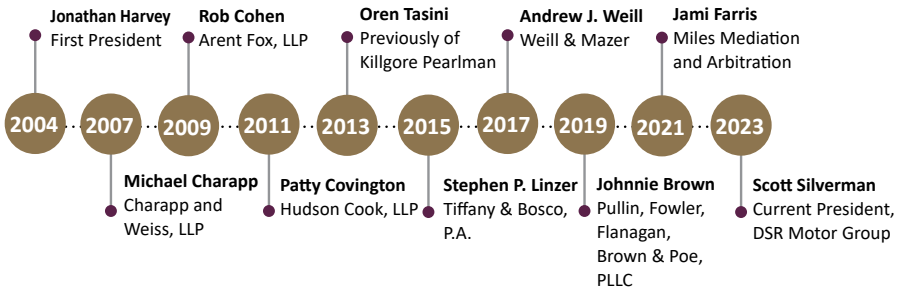
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In 2004, Jonathan Harvey (a dealer attorney and trial lawyer from Albany, New York) had the idea to create a national organization comprised of attorneys who represent vehicle dealers. Mr. Harvey sought assistance from nationally recognized consumer finance attorney, Tom Hudson of Hudson Cook, LLP. Together, they selected a team of 11 other prominent dealer attorneys that would become the NADC's first Board of Directors.

### NADC Presidents



### NADC Purpose

The National Association of Dealer Counsel (NADC) is a nationwide professional organization of attorneys who represent automobile and other vehicle dealers.

The NADC provides a forum for members to share information, common experience, and advice related to manufacturer franchise issues, lemon laws, vehicle finance, regulatory complexities, insurance laws, tax laws, buy/sell agreements, employment law, and many other issues facing dealers and their counsel today.

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- Advanced website with searchable knowledgebase
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- Members-only conferences and webinars
- Members-only email list-serve (an active forum for attorney members to ask questions and share critical information about dealer law)
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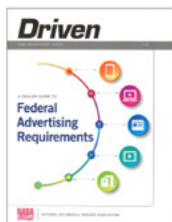
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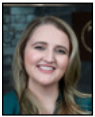
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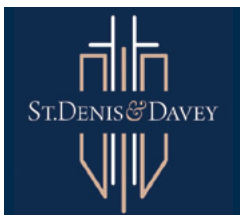
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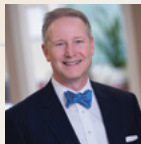


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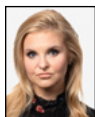
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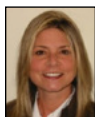
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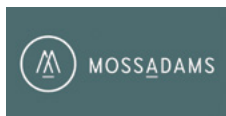
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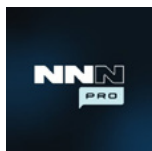
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