

CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES

2020 CAL-ABOTA COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES (Per the Bylaws, Section 4):

Standing committees shall consist of at least three members, including the chair of the Committee.

EDUCATION

“This committee shall be responsible to assist chapters in the presentation of programs throughout the state, to assist chapters in carrying forward the Youth Education Program and any other ABOTA education programs and to engage in any other activities, including school related programs and awards, as shall promote the purposes of ABOTA.”

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David Cohn, Co-Chair - dcohn@chainlaw.com

- Gordon Bosserman – California Coast President – gbosserman@amblaw.com
- Bryan Reid - Immediate Past President – breid@lbbbslaw.com
- Michael Schonbuch - Los Angeles President – schonbuch@dfis-law.com
- Bill Smith – Past President, 2018 – wbsas@aol.com

Plus Chapter Vice Presidents/President-Elects:

- CalCoast Vice President - Roger Frederickson – roger@fh-legal.com
- Los Angeles Vice President – David Lira – dlira@girardikeese.com
- Orange County President-Elect – Jeff Braun – jbrown@mtbattorneys.com
- Sacramento Valley Vice President – Karen Goodman – kgoodman@goodman-law.com
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CIVIL JUSTICE

“This committee is responsible for monitoring proposed legislation, jury instruction proposals, the administration of civil justice, and any other issue that may affect the goals and purposes of CAL-ABOTA and to engage in such activities to preserve the purposes of ABOTA as set forth in the Constitution.”

Frank Pitre – Chair - fpitre@cpmlegal.com

Plus Chapter Presidents:

- CalCoast President – Gordon Bosserman – gbosserman@amblaw.com
- Los Angeles President – Michael Schonbuch – schonbuch@dfis-law.com
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- Sacramento Valley President – Steve Gurnee – steve@gurneelaw.com
- San Bernardino/Riverside President – Jay Korn – jskorn55@gmail.com
- San Diego President – George Brewster – sandbrews@aol.com
- San Francisco President – Doris Cheng – dcheng@walkuplawoffice.com
- San Joaquin Valley President – Greg Mason – greg.mason@mccormickbarstow.com

LONG RANGE PLANNING

“This committee shall be responsible to recommend future activities, organization, awards, Board membership, chapter engagement, and any other Board actions that shall carry out the purposes of ABOTA and CAL-ABOTA.”

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- David Cohn – Member-at-Large - dcohn@chainlaw.com
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- Greg Rizio – Member-at-Large – grizio@riziolawfirm.com

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Appointed by the Board, as necessary, to carry out its business for such terms as it shall determine.

AMICUS

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- Jeff Braun – Orange County President Elect – jbrown@mtbattorneys.com
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FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Bill Smith, Chair - wbsas@aol.com

Plus Chapter Immediate Past Presidents:

- CalCoast Immediate Past President – Daniel Carobini – dcarobini@ec2law.com
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Denise Taylor, Chair – dtaylor@taylordemarco.com

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NEWSLETTER

This committee shall be charged with producing the quarterly E-News, the official periodic publication of CAL-ABOTA. The newsletter shall also be available on the CAL-ABOTA website.

Chris Wesierski, Chair – cwesierski@wzllp.com

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

This committee shall reference the Community Service Award description and criteria approved by the Board of Directors on August 24, 2019. This committee shall also:

- 1. Develop a form to have each chapter complete for possible consideration.*
- 2. Interview the contact from each chapter about their nominees, if necessary.*
- 3. Meet to narrow the list to three nominees only or one if there is overwhelming support for one chapter.*
- 4. Recommend to the Executive Committee, the final three possible candidates.*

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