



CAL-ABOTA PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPORT

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New Website

CAL-ABOTA's website has been completely rebuilt and is up and running. Go to www.CAL-ABOTA.org to check it out.

Our new website is now accessible by smartphones and tablets. It has plenty of useful information such as a complete calendar of each chapter's activities, downloadable trial lawyer tool kits and membership applications, information on CAL-ABOTA's history, our current Bylaws and much more. All board members are listed with contact information if you need to get in touch with any of them. You can even follow a [link](#) to register for Hawaii, it is not too late!

Our special thanks go to our Executive Director, Jenny Blevins, and her team at California Advocates Management Services. They did a great job.

Diversity in Civility Matters

ABOTA has strived for years to diversify its membership. In particular, we have encouraged female jury trial lawyers to join our ranks and their numbers are increasing. A recent event put on by our California Coast Chapter demonstrates we are making progress.

The Cal-Coast Chapter presented a Civility Matters program in September with an all-female panel consisting of former Cal-Coast President Judge Donna Geck, current President Dana Caudill and incoming Treasurer Jill Friedman (photographs below). We believe that this is the first time in the history of ABOTA that an ABOTA panel was comprised of all women. Congratulations to Cal-Coast!





See you in Hawaii!!

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President