

CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES 2023 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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Plus Chapter Vice Presidents/President-Elects:

CalCoast Vice President	Brian	Cardoza	brian.cardoza@sce.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.”

Joe McMonigle – Co-Chair - jmcmonigle@longlevit.com

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Plus Chapter Presidents:

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San Joaquin Valley President	William	White	wwhite@whitecanepa.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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AD HOC COMMITTEES:

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

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FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

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Plus Chapter Immediate Past Presidents:

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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.

Frank Pitre, Chair - fpitre@cpmlegal.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD 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. Maintain 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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