



CAL-ABOTA

California and Hawaii Chapters of the
American Board of Trial Advocates

CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES 2024 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.”

Karen Goodman – Co-Chair - kgoodman@goodman-law.com

Steve Grebing – Co-Chair - sgrebing@wingertlaw.com

Plus Chapter Vice Presidents/President-Elects shall serve as committee members:

CalCoast Vice President	Eric	Berg	eric@berglawgroup.com
Los Angeles President-Elect	Gary	Dordick	dordicklaw@aol.com
Orange County President-Elect	Juan	Delgado	idelgado@fwhb.com
Sacramento Valley Vice President	Jill	Telfer	jtelfer@telferlaw.com
San Bernardino/Riverside President-Elect	Daniel	Kruid	dkruid@alderlaw.com
San Diego Vice President	Ben	Bunn	Ben@bunnlawgroup.com
San Francisco Vice President	Dale	Allen	dallen@aghlaw.com
San Joaquin Valley Vice President	Thomas	Feher	tfeher@lebeauthelen.com

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

Hon. Ben Coats – Co-Chair - ben.coats@ventura.courts.ca.gov

Frank Pitre – Co-Chair - fpitre@cpmlegal.com

Plus Chapter Presidents shall serve as committee members:

CalCoast President	Brian	Cardoza	brian.cardoza@sce.com
Hawaii Chapter President	Jeffrey	Portnoy	jportnoy@cades.com
Los Angeles President	James	Rosen	jrosen@rosensaba.com
Orange County President	Pamela	Liosi-Traut	pamela@trautfirm.com
Sacramento Valley President	John	Demas	Jnd@demaslawgroup.com
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San Diego President	James	Lance	jlance@noonanlance.com
San Francisco President	J. Kevin	Morrison	kmorrison@altairlaw.com
San Joaquin Valley President	Jason	Bell	jsb@paboojianlaw.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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Bob Morgenstern, Co-Chair – bob@morgensternlawgroup.com

Walter Yoka, Co-Chair – wyoaka@yokasmith.com

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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Karen Goodman Co-Chair - kgoodman@goodman-law.com

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FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Don Carlson, Co-Chair - dcarlson@ccplaw.com

Steve Grebing – Co-Chair - sgrebing@wingertlaw.com

Plus Chapter Immediate Past Presidents shall serve as committee members:

CalCoast Immediate Past President	Brian	O’Connor	bkoesq@gmail.com
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San Joaquin Valley Immediate Past President	William	White	wwhite@whitecanepa.com

MEMBERSHIP/DIVERSITY

Bob Morgenstern, Co-Chair – bob@morgensternlawgroup.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.

Greg Rizio, Co-Chair - grizio@riziolawfirm.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.

Committee Co-Chairs:

Immediate Past President	Frank	Pitre	fpitre@cpmlegal.com
Past President - 2022	Donald	Carlson	dcarlson@ccplaw.com
Past President - 2021	Walter	Yoka	wyoaka@yokasmith.com

Ex-Officio Member of All Committees:

President, Greg Rizio, Co-Chair - grizio@riziolawfirm.com

Executive Director:

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