



2021 Q2 CCAL Board of Governors President's Message

Dear Fellows and Community Association Law Counsel,

It is my pleasure to provide the following second quarter 2021 update on behalf of the Board of Governors of CAI's College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL): Edward Allcock, Brendan Bunn, David Graf, Kevin Hirzel, Daniel Miske, and Laurie Poole.

[2022 Law Seminar – Call for Presentations.](#) I am so excited to see my CAI colleagues in person at the 2022 Community Association Law Seminar, Feb. 9–12, at the La Quinta Resort & Club, a Waldorf Astoria Hotel, in La Quinta, Calif. The annual Law Seminar is the premier continuing legal education conference exploring trends and practices in community association law.

I urge you to join us and to consider submitting a presentation proposal. I'm sure many of you, like me, have been faced with client issues surrounding new ways to use technology, conduct business, manage, and govern community associations. Please share your knowledge and creative solutions! [Click here](#) for more information on submitting a proposal. The deadline for submissions is **July 15**.

[Best Manuscript Award.](#) The 2021 Community Association Law Seminar had more than 16 virtual sessions offered over five days to hundreds of community association lawyers from the U.S. and around the world. Each session is required to have a manuscript accompanying the presentation.

In 2014, CCAL established the Best Manuscript Award and tasked a committee of dedicated attorneys to scrutinize every manuscript submitted and select one that best reflects the dedication by the presenters and quality of education provided at the annual Law Seminar. These manuscripts serve as benchmarks for Law Seminars to come. This year, Gabriella Comstock, Esq., CCAL, with Keough & Moody; Brian Moreno, Esq., CCAL, with SwedelsonGottlieb; and Lynn Krupnik, Esq., CCAL, with Krupnik & Speas graciously served as CCAL's Best Manuscript Committee—reviewing more than 16 manuscripts.

The committee gave the 2021 Best Manuscript Award to "Agents of Change: Overcoming Racism in Community Associations," written by Leah K. Burton, Esq., and Noelle Hicks, Esq., both with Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey, and Wil Washington, Esq., CCAL, with Chadwick, Washington, Moriarty, Elmore & Bunn. The CCAL Board of Governors and Law Seminar Planning Committee congratulate this group of attorneys for their hard work and dedication to the Law Seminar.

Through this program and best manuscript, CAI has developed additional resources on promoting diversity and preventing discrimination in community associations. CAI stands for equality and justice in America, throughout the world, and at home in our own communities. We have work to do. Learn more [here](#).

2021 CAI Annual Conference and Exposition: Community NOW – Save the Date! CAI is proud to announce plans for the 2021 Annual Conference and Exposition: Community NOW, to be held in person Aug. 18–21 at the new Caesars Forum in Las Vegas. Preconference education courses will take place Aug. 16–17. CAI is also offering a virtual experience for anyone who can't attend the 2021 CAI Annual Conference and Exposition: Community NOW in Las Vegas.

We are aware that these unprecedented times require us to reassess all aspects of planning and hosting events to ensure attendee safety. CAI moved the conference from early May to mid-August, allowing more time to plan, address new health and safety protocols, and create an approach that complies with federal, state, and local regulations, while also allowing additional time for more extensive distribution of vaccines to the general population.

CCAL Fellow Applications Due June 30. The next CCAL membership applications deadline is **June 30**. Applicants are required to have completed a minimum of eight years of legal practice with a demonstrated focus in community association law, five of which must immediately precede the date of application. They also must be a member of CAI and have attended at least one Law Seminar within the past five years, and demonstrated significant leadership and involvement in the provision of legal services to community associations through the attainment of 12 out of a possible 15 points in the evaluated application categories.

CCAL Mentors. I encourage everyone to participate in the CCAL Mentor program. The program helps lawyers new to our industry in developing skills unique to the practice of community association law, provides networking opportunities, and guides lawyers toward completing their application to become a CCAL fellow. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Phoebe Neseth at pneseth@caionline.org.

CAI Lawyers' Exchange. CAI has developed an online community within its Exchange forums for all community association lawyers to participate. Please contact Phoebe Neseth at pneseth@caionline.org to be added into this Exchange group, if not already a member.

CCAL Washington Post Column. CCAL fellows continue to be featured in *The Washington Post's* Real Estate section, writing about a variety of common interest community topics. CCAL fellow Benny Kass, who passed away in March 2019, started the column in 1972 and developed it into a resource for community association residents.

These articles focus on community association legal issues and should be presented in understandable terminology geared towards association residents and homeowners. There are two style options for the column: a question and answer format that shall be no more than 800 words in length, and a general content format that is informational in nature and shall be no more than 500 words.

If you are interested in writing an article for national exposure, please submit your topic idea to Phoebe Neseth at pneseth@caionline.org.

What's on your mind! As we progress through the year, the CCAL Board of Governors and I want to know how we are doing and any thoughts, comments, or ideas you might have. Please reach out to me at any time at dkaman@kamancus.com.

My best wishes for a safe and healthy summer,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Kaman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "K".

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