



2022 Q2 CCAL Board of Governors President's Message

Dear Fellows and Community Association Law Counsel,

It is my pleasure to provide you with the second-quarter update on behalf of the Board of Governors of CAI's College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL): David Kaman, Brendan Bunn, David Graf, Daniel Miske, Amy Tinetti, and Augustus Shaw.

I attended CAI's Annual Conference and Exposition: Community NOW last month in Orlando, Fla. It was great to celebrate the national awards and the impressive number of new PCAM designations. Most everyone in our industry knows what a "PCAM" is and respects the status it brings for those community managers. Wouldn't it be great if the CCAL designation had the same widespread recognition within the industry? CCAL Fellows demonstrated dedication to education and advocacy by volunteering their time to teach, write, and serve the industry. This year, the Board of Governors is exploring ways to educate and promote the CCAL designation to others in the industry. We are open to your ideas and suggestions.

The Board of Governors continues to focus on ways CCAL can support our well-being. The conversation we started in La Quinta at this year's Law Seminar impacted many, which is gratifying. Continuing to prioritize our well-being will enhance our success as community association attorneys and as human beings. For anyone who is struggling, please reach out for help. Seeking help is not a sign of weakness, but strength.

CCAL is also supporting the advancement and inclusion of women and diverse attorneys in community association law. Several of you have reached out to me with fantastic ideas—please keep those suggestions coming.

2023 Law Seminar— Call for Presentations. I am so excited to see my CAI colleagues at the 2023 Community Association Law Seminar, Jan. 11-14 in New Orleans. I urge all of you to join me and submit a presentation proposal. I'm sure many of you, like me, have faced 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—deadline is **July 15, 2022**.

Best Manuscript Award. The CAI Law Seminar presented by the College of Community Association Lawyers is the premier continuing legal education conference exploring trends and practices in community association law. In 2022, more than 16 sessions were offered to community association lawyers from around the United States. Each seminar is required to have a manuscript accompanying the presentation.

In 2014 the CAI College of Community Association Lawyers established the Best Manuscript Award. A committee of dedicated attorneys scrutinizes every manuscript submitted and selects one that best reflects the dedication of the presenters and the quality of education provided at the Law Seminar. The Best Manuscripts serve as benchmarks for Law Seminars to come. This year Brian Moreno, Esq., CCAL, SwedelsonGottlieb, Lynn Krupnik, Esq., CCAL, Krupnik & Speas, PLLC, and Anthony Rafel, Esq., CCAL, Rafel Law Group, graciously served as CCAL's Best Manuscript Committee – reviewing over sixteen manuscripts. Thank you!

This year the Committee selected "Tackling Mental Health Issues in Community Associations" by Leah K. Burton, Esq., RMWBH Law and Noelle Hicks, Esq., RMWBH Law to receive the 2022 Best Manuscript Award. Congratulations, Leah and Noelle!



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The CCAL Board of Governors and Law Seminar Planning Committee congratulates this group of attorneys for their hard work and dedication to CCAL's Law Seminar.

CCAL Fellow Applications Due June 30. The next CCAL membership application deadline is June 30. Applicants must 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 three CAI Law Seminars in the last ten years, with one in the last three 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 volunteer to participate in the CCAL Mentor program. The program helps lawyers new to our industry develop skills unique to 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 Lawyer's Exchange. CAI developed an online community for participation by all community association lawyers. Please contact Phoebe Neseth, Esq., at pneseth@caionline.org to be added into this Exchange group.

CCAL Washington Post Column. CCAL fellows continue to be featured in *The Washington Post's* real estate section, writing about various 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. If you are interested in writing an article for national exposure, please submit your idea to Phoebe Neseth at pneseth@caionline.org.

What's on your mind? The CCAL Board of Governors and I want to know how we are doing. Please send any thoughts, comments, or ideas to me at lpoole@admsstirling.com.

My best wishes for a safe and healthy summer,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie S. Poole".

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