



2022 Q3 CCAL Board of Governors President's Message

Dear Fellows and Community Association Law Counsel,

It is my pleasure to provide you with the third 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.

Last month, our industry was deeply saddened and shocked by the shooting at an Atlanta condominium building that took the life of a dedicated community association manager, Michael Patrick Shinnars, CMCA, AMS, PCAM, an on-site manager with Beacon Management Services. The shooting also injured the chief building engineer, Michael Horne. On behalf of CCAL, our thoughts and support go to all who were affected. This tragedy highlights the need to restore civility to common interest developments. As community association attorneys, we can do our part by supporting and protecting our clients when needed through the legal system and seeking resolution rather than conflict. Our training as adversaries must be balanced with the need to find practical long-term solutions. We can set examples of professionalism and empathy. More than ever, we need to take care of ourselves and focus on our well-being as attorneys. For anyone who is struggling, please reach out for help. Seeking help is NOT a sign of weakness but of strength.

[Women in Community Association Law: A Dialogue](#). Continuing our goal of focusing on and supporting the advancement and inclusion of women and diverse attorneys in community association law, CCAL is proud to present an enlightened and inspiring discussion on Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. Eastern among four panelists: Ellen Hirsch de Haan (a CCAL fellow and Don Buck Award recipient), Sara Ross from Virginia, Sarah Badten from Alaska, and Alexis Firehawk from Arizona. Our own Dan Miske from Wisconsin will moderate the panel.

This new virtual experience, designed exclusively for women in community association law, fulfills your craving for meaningful connections. Our goal is to create a place to meet and explore trending topics that matter most to you. Be a part of this exciting new session. [Register Today!](#)

[2023 Community Association Law Seminar](#). I am also excited to see my CAI colleagues in person at the 2023 Community Association Law Seminar, Jan. 11–14, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. The annual law seminar is the premier continuing legal education conference exploring trends and best practices in community association law.

After attending CAI's law seminar, you will:

- Be better prepared to deal with the pressing issues facing condominium and homeowners associations.
- Know how to plan for the next five years in the practice of association law.
- Have a valuable, supportive network of colleagues across the country.
- Receive a copy of the law seminar proceedings.

I encourage all community association attorneys, insurance agents, CEOs, and industry leaders to join me and your peers in New Orleans for this one-of-kind event. [Register Today!](#)

Congratulations to new CCAL fellows. The Board of Governors welcomed seven outstanding CCAL fellows from the summer 2022 class of applicants to the college. Join me in congratulating Brian S. Edlin with Jordan Price Wall Gray Jones & Carlton in Raleigh, N.C.; Clint G. Goodman with Goodman Holmgren in Mesa, Ariz.; Cynthia A. Jones

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with Sellers, Ayers, Dortch, & Lyons in Charlotte, N.C.; Susan Hawks McClintic with Epsten in San Diego; Kieran J. Purcell with Epsten in San Diego; Melissa B. Ward with Adams|Stirling in Walnut Creek, Calif.; and William W. Ward with Ackerly & Ward in Stamford, Conn. Find a CCAL fellow in your state via [CAI's CCAL Directory](#).

[CCAL Fellow Applications Due Sept. 30.](#) The next CCAL membership application deadline is just days away. 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 past 10 years, with one in the past 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.

Case Law Update and Online Directory. One of the most compelling reasons to attend the Community Association Law Seminar is the invaluable opportunity to listen to dozens of appellate cases. [Click here](#) for a preview of the case law update from the 2022 law seminar. As a CAI member, you have access to our online [case law database](#).

[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 at pneseth@caionline.org to be added into this Exchange group.

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@adamsstirling.com.

My best wishes for a safe and healthy fall (my favorite time of the year!),



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie S. Poole". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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