



2024 Q1 CCAL Board of Governors President's Message

Dear fellows and community association law counsel,

After the successful and inspiring 2024 Community Association Law Seminar in Las Vegas, I would like to provide the following first-quarter 2024 update on behalf of the Board of Governors of the College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL): David Graf, Elina Gilbert, Daniel Miske, Augustus Shaw, Amy Tinetti, and Scott Weiss.

First, I would like to congratulate 2023 CCAL President David Graf on his accomplishments with CCAL and compliment him for his excellent leadership and service.

Second, it was a privilege to address the seminar, present the Don Buck award, introduce a record number of new CCAL fellows, and recognize new CIRMS inductees. I hope we provided some perspective on the importance of the seminar sessions and the relationships that can be forged throughout the event. It was rewarding for me to deliver a few stories about my personal experiences over the years, with apologies for the irreverent tale (or two).

2024 Community Association Law Seminar. My sincere thanks to everyone who presented at the 2024 Law Seminar. Every individual involved was critical to its success. The Law Seminar would not exist without the contributions of so many talented – and busy -- lawyers. Your time, insight, and preparation were well-received and applauded by attendees. This year's event boasted a record attendance of 744 community association attorneys. We also held CCAL's annual children's book charity event and attendees donated a total of 275 children's books to a local elementary school in Las Vegas.

I'd like to acknowledge the diligent and inspiring work of the Law Seminar Planning Committee, and thank cochairs Amy Tinetti, Susan Tarley, and Anthony Rafel. We look forward to seeing everyone next year for the 2025 Community Association Law Seminar, Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, in San Antonio. More information on this event will be released in the coming weeks.

UPDATED [Case Law Update and Online Directory](#). Many thanks to Jeffrey Kaman and the members of the case law update team for their work throughout 2023. The team compiled summaries from community association cases across the country presented at the Law Seminar and are now included in CAI's case law database. As a previous presenter, I know how much work the great lawyers on the team undertake, and their efforts are invaluable to implementing a successful Law Seminar. We express continued gratitude for the vital role they play in keeping us informed.

Congratulations Jim Slaughter. It was an honor to present Jim Slaughter with the Don Buck Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes community association practitioners who have made extraordinary contributions to



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community association law and practice. The award is a very fitting and well-deserved acknowledgement of Jim's significant involvement with CAI and the community association industry for many years.

Best Manuscript Award. The Law Seminar Manuscript Committee is working to identify the 2024 Best Manuscript Award. This is the 10th year the CCAL Board of Governors will present this award, which recognizes the scholarly efforts of our talented lawyers. Past recipients include David Graf and Steven S. Weil (2014); James H. Slaughter (2015); Marion A. Aaron and Allen B. Warren (2016); Daniela Burg, Edward Hoffman Jr., and Gerald C. Wigger (2017); Matt Ober and Amy Tinetti (2018); Kevin Hirzel, Edward Hoffman Jr., Michael S. Karpoff, and Todd A. Sinkins (2019); Elina B. Gilbert and Kevin M. Hirzel (2020); Leah K. Burton, Noelle Hicks, and Wil Washington (2021), Leah K. Burton, and Noelle Hicks (2022); Kayleigh Long and Nicholas Meinert (2023).

***NEW* CCAL State Bar Association Mental Health and Assistance Program Resources.** CAI and the college are pleased to present a new resource platform for attorneys, which showcases programs and resources for mental health assistance. This resource map is the product of information presented at the 2022 CAI Law Seminar by Bruce C. Jenkins, Esq., CCAL, and Susan Bradford Tarley, Esq., CCAL. Read their "Better Lawyering by Taking Care of Yourself First" manuscript [here](#). Acknowledgments to Laurie S. Poole, Esq., a CCAL fellow, for data collection.

2024 CAI Annual Conference and Exposition: Community NOW – Save the Date! CAI is proud to announce the 2024 Annual Conference and Exposition: Community NOW, May 8-11, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Join us for the ultimate gathering of community association managers, homeowner board members, and business partners. Connect with old friends and meet new ones at spectacular networking events, inspiring education sessions, and the world-class exhibit hall showcasing the latest technology and solutions for community associations.

CCAL Fellow Applications Due June 30. The 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 three Law Seminars within the past 10 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 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.



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What's on your mind? The CCAL Board of Governors and I want to know your thoughts, comments, or ideas. Please reach out to me at any time at bpbunn@chadwickwashington.com.

My best wishes for a safe and healthy spring.



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