



## 2024 Q3 CCAL Board of Governors President's Message

Dear Fellows and Community Association Law Counsel,

It is my pleasure to provide the following third quarter 2024 update on behalf of the Board of Governors of CAI's College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL): David Graf, Elina Gilbert, Daniel Miske, Scott Weiss, Augustus Shaw, and Amy Tinetti.

We note these are busy times. Our industry continues to grow, and growth is always accompanied by new clients, obligations, and challenges. It's sometimes easy to let our busy practices take over at the expense of discourse and communication with fellow practitioners around the nation, but please know it is time well spent to make room for CAI and CCAL.

**Corporate Transparency Act Federal Lawsuit:** In, an important and exciting development, CAI filed its lawsuit against the Department of Treasury challenging the constitutionality of the Corporate Transparency Act, as well as its applicability to community associations more generally. The lawsuit is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and includes several individual community association plaintiffs to highlight the negative effects the act may have on those associations. We are grateful the Board of Trustees authorized this effort, and I personally want to thank Tom Skiba, Dawn Bauman, Phoebe Neseth, and the rest of the CAI team who coordinated with legal counsel to prepare the suit. CCAL Fellow and former Board of Governors President Ed Allcock was instrumental in this effort. More information on the filing of the suit and its status is available [here](#).

**2025 Community Association Law Seminar.** Of course, we have the usual excitement building to see our CAI colleagues at the 2025 Community Association Law Seminar, Jan. 29 -Feb. 1, for the first time in San Antonio at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. Our Law Seminar is the premier continuing legal education conference exploring trends and best practices in community association law annually. Keeping it fresh is easy in our constantly evolving practice area.

**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 and materials

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

**Congratulations New CCAL fellows!** The Board of Governors welcomed five truly outstanding CCAL Fellows from the Summer 2024 class of applicants to the College. Join us in congratulating Scott Eriksen with Perkins & Antcil, P.C. in Westford, Mass., Matthew Gardner with Richardson|Ober in Pasadena, Calif., Valerie Oman with Condominium Law Group, PLLC in Seattle, Wash., Chad Toms with Whiteford in Wilmington, Del., and David Wilson with Law Firm Carolinas in Charlotte, N.C. These are outstanding lawyers. Find a CCAL Fellow in your state via [CAI's CCAL Directory](#).



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**CCAL Fellow Applications Due September 30.** The CCAL membership application deadline is **September 30.**

Applicants must complete at least eight years of legal practice with a focus in community association law, five of which must precede the application date. They also must be a CAI member and have attended at least two Law Seminars within the past 10 years, with one having been in the last five years, and demonstrated significant leadership and involvement in the provision of legal services to community associations through attaining 12 out of a possible 15 points in the evaluated application categories.

**CAI's Amicus Curiae Program.** CAI files amicus curiae briefs for cases of significant importance in community association law. CAI's amicus efforts enable CAI to share advocacy and expertise to educate a court about the legal issues in a particular case, particularly from a policy perspective. If an association you represent is faced with a poorly formulated legal opinion, consider completing an amicus brief submission request. Click [here](#) for more information on submission procedures. Contact Phoebe Neseth at [pneseth@caionline.org](mailto:pneseth@caionline.org) for questions.

**\*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., CCAL fellow, for data collection.

**CCAL Mentorship Opportunity.** I encourage everyone to participate in our 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](mailto:pneseth@caionline.org).

**Honoring the passing of CCAL Fellow Charles Perkins, who passed away in July.** He was a senior partner of Perkins & Anctil, P.C. in Worcester, Mass. It is no exaggeration to say Perkins was a true pioneer in the practice and development of Massachusetts condominium law. Over his long and distinguished career as a community association advisor, he counseled thousands of clients. As a long-time and deeply committed member of CAI and similar organizations, Perkins gave countless hours to educate, teach, lecture and inform others about community association law. Numerous lawyers relied on him as the go-to sounding board on all matters related to condominiums. He will be missed.

**CAI Lawyer's Exchange.** CAI developed an online community for participation by all community association lawyers. Please contact Phoebe Neseth at [pneseth@caionline.org](mailto: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 your thoughts, comments, and ideas. Please reach out to me at [bpbunn@chadwickwashington.com](mailto:bpbunn@chadwickwashington.com).

My best wishes for a safe, healthy, and fascinating fall.

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