



2024 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 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.

First, as noted in prior announcements, CAI filed an [amicus curiae](#) brief in a case pending before the US Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, *National Small Business United, et al (NSBA). v. U.S. Department of the Treasury, et al.* The brief was drafted by several CCAL members in support of the NSBA's efforts to overturn the federal Corporate Transparency Act. CAI and CCAL continue to mobilize on multiple fronts to address the CTA reporting requirements, and more information on those efforts is forthcoming.

[2025 Law Seminar—Call for Presentations.](#) The board is excited to see our CAI colleagues at the 2025 Community Association Law Seminar, Jan. 29-Feb. 1 in San Antonio, Texas. I urge you to join me and submit a presentation proposal. There are a variety of novel and unusual issues our clients are facing in 2024, so there is fertile ground for wide-ranging and interesting topics. Please share your knowledge and creative solutions. Click [here](#) for more information on submitting a proposal—deadline is **June 30, 2024**.

[Best Manuscript Award.](#) The Board, Law Seminar Manuscript Task Force and CCAL Law Seminar Planning Committee are pleased to announce the presentation manuscript "Security Services: What Do Community Associations Have a Duty to Protect?" by Lauren DeVoe, Maria Kao, and Bill Gourley, received the 2024 Best Manuscript Award. This is the 11th year the 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).

[CCAL Fellow Applications Due June 30.](#) The CCAL membership applications deadline is **June 30**. Applicants are required to complete a minimum of eight years of legal practice with a focus in community association law, five of which must immediately precede the date of application. They also must be a CAI member and attended at least two Law Seminars within the past 10 years, with one in the last 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.

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



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[*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.

[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.

[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 your thoughts, comments, and ideas. Please reach out to me at bpbunn@chadwickwashington.com.

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



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