

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Michael P. McNamara*

It's amazing how quickly time goes by when you're having fun!

As my term as President comes to a close in July, I cannot help but reflect upon my eight years as a board member of ABTL. The best part has been the many friends I have made through ABTL. Working with all of the talented volunteers has truly been one of the highlights of my

career.

The key to ABTL's success over its 45-year history has been the quality of the volunteer board members and judges. This past year the Los Angeles Chapter has been blessed with a dedicated 60-member Board, including a diverse mix of plaintiff and defense lawyers and state and federal judicial officers, as well as an active 12-member Judicial Advisory Council. Of this group, special thanks to the many Chairs and Vice Chairs for their hard work this past term, including:

**Dinner Programs:** Manuel Cachan and Erin Ranahan (Co-Chairs) and Kevin Boyle and Kahn Scolnick (Co-Vice Chairs).

**Lunch Programs:** Allen Lanstra and Michael Mallow (Co-Chairs) and Emilo Gonzalez and John Fitzgibbons (Co-Vice Chairs).

**Membership:** Lorenzo Gasparetti and Rob Del Angelo (Co-Chairs).

**abt1 Report:** John Querio and Robin Meadow (Co-Editors) and Dylan Ruga (Assistant Editor).

**Public Service:** Hernán Vera and Jason Wright (Co-Chairs).

**Annual Seminar:** Jeanne Fugate and Tami Smason (Co-Chairs).

**Courts:** Jen Romano and Howard Alperin (Co-Chairs).

**Technology:** Aalok Sharma, Jordan McCrary and Christian Nickerson (Co-Chairs).

**Young Lawyers Division:** Jeff Atteberry (Chair) and Jen Cardelús (Vice Chair).

I would also like to give a very special shout-out to Linda Sampson, our Executive Director. Linda has served in this position for the last nine years. As ABTL's Board and JAC rotate every two years with new volunteers, Linda has played a critical role assuring continuity and consistency. Having been on the Board for eight of Linda's nine years, I can personally attest to the fact that Linda's efforts have helped the Los Angeles Chapter of ABTL become a more robust organization, with solid financials and increasing membership, all of which have helped ABTL to become one of the "must join" bar associations in our legal community.

As my term as President ends, I am confident that ABTL is well positioned to continue to thrive under the new leadership of Sabrina Strong (President-Elect), Valerie Goo (Treasurer) and Susan Leader (Secretary).

I look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming ABTL events. I will be the guy with the badge that says "Past President."

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