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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sabrina H. Strong

As I reflect on the previous year, I am filled with gratitude for the hard work and collegiality of my fellow ABTL members. This organization continues to flourish thanks to the tremendous commitment of our members.

I would also like to recognize our Executive Director Linda Sampson. Linda has been committed to this organization for the last decade and she is a critical component of our success. Thank you, Linda, for everything that you do. We are extremely grateful.

As we look ahead to another exciting year filled with top-notch programming, public service outreach events, and bench-meets-bar activities, I encourage you to renew your ABTL membership. We have increased our membership year over year for the past decade. Please help us do it once again! In case you need a little motivation, let's look at a few highlights from our memorable 2018 programs:

- In February, Jeffrey Kessler and David Greenspan offered an inside look at litigation strategies behind the high-profile NFL discipline cases, including Deflate-gate, Bounty-gate, and the Adrian Peterson controversy.
- In April, Steven Clymer and Terry White—the lead federal and state prosecutors in the Rodney King trials—treated us to a riveting look back at critical aspects of the Rodney King events, which remain salient even after 25 years.
- In September, Professor Adam Winkler and Plaintiff-Attorney Josh Koskoff took on the often emotional and controversial topic of gun ownership, mass shootings, and the Constitution.
- In October, we traveled to Maui for our 45th Annual Seminar at the Wailea Beach Resort. Surrounded by the tranquility and beauty of the islands, our attendees listened to distinguished judges, lawyers and other experts engage in thought-provoking discussions and role-play demonstrations reflecting on “when #metoo becomes a business dispute.”
- In November, we were honored to host a conversation between the Honorable Ken Starr and the Honorable Chuck Rosenberg, who captivated our audience with their timely conversation on impeachment, removal, and the rule of law.

I am also honored to report that we have launched our first-ever “Civility” committee. We look forward to working collaboratively to increase awareness, identify best practices, and develop mechanisms to help improve collegiality throughout our legal community.

What a year!

Our tireless Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs are hard at work shaping extraordinary programming and activities for the year ahead. Please join us, participate in the dialogue, and invite your colleagues and clients to attend as well!

We look forward to seeing all of you in 2019!

Sincerely,

Sabrina H. Strong

ABTL President, 2018-2019