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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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It's hard to believe that another Spring and Summer have flown by. After a scorching few months here in Los Angeles, we are finally headed into cooler weather. This has been another excellent year for the Los Angeles chapter of the ABTL. We have come roaring back from COVID, with membership numbers over 2,300, easily exceeding our target. On June 28, we held our Annual Judicial Mixer. Over 75 judges and justices attended, and total attendance approached 400. It was a great event on a perfect summer evening in LA. On August 31, our program chairs, Alice Chen Smith and Amanda Groves, organized a program entitled Voting Rights and Wrongs (featuring Laura Brill of Kendall Brill & Kelly), Prof Richard Hasen (UCLA Law) and Henry Weinstein (UCI Law School). It was very thought provoking. And thanks to the hard work of chair Amy Lucas and others, we had an incredibly successful Annual Seminar at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego.

There is more to come in the Fall. In October, we will have our one lunch program of the year. (The topic is still TBD.) Our final dinner program of the year will take place on November 17. It will feature new California Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero. We are thrilled to have her join us and are looking forward to her presentation. That same dinner will be our Holiday Gift Giving Opportunity, where we collect money to provide gifts to the Edelman Children's Court-Court Shelter Care Program. Last year we collected almost \$3,000. For some of these kids, this is the only gift they receive at the holidays, so please give generously.

Finally, we would be remiss not to mention the passing of Allan Browne on September 8. Allan attended UCLA and USC Law School, graduating at the top of his class. He became a partner in the firm Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP and in 1985 established his own highly successful litigation firm. Allan was regarded as a legendary trial lawyer. He tried well over a hundred jury trials; represented clients from the highest reaches of the business, entertainment, and political worlds; and founded this organization. He also served as the ABTL's first president. Allan will be missed.

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