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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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The year 2020—a new decade! Looking back over the past 10 years, it is astonishing how the ABTL Los Angeles Chapter continues to grow. Membership is at an all-time high; we are over 2,200 strong. We are fortunate to have some of the most accomplished trial lawyers, judges

and justices on our Board of Governors and Judicial Advisory Committee.

The ABTL's achievements over the past decade can be traced not only to its people, but also to its mission: promoting dialogue between the California bench and bar on business litigation issues. That mission is as critical now, if not more so, than it was when this organization was founded in 1973 here in Los Angeles.

A recent testament to the importance of that mission is the Los Angeles Chapter's Summer 2019 ABTL Report, dedicated entirely to the issue of civility in our profession. Articles from the issue have since been republished by the ALI, discussed in the Daily Journal, used in CLE program materials, and cited in at least two recent court opinions. Kudos to Robin Meadow and John Querio, our dedicated ABTL Report editors, to our Civility Committee, chaired by Michael Mallow, and to all of the authors who contributed articles.

The ABTL dinner and lunch programs are second to none. Our last lunch program, featuring Hon. Dan Buckley, was sold out, and we expect the February 5 Westside dinner program on will also sell out. Be sure to put the upcoming lunch and dinner programs on your calendars now: February 5 (Westside Dinner Program); March 24 (Dinner Program); April 21 (Lunch Program); June 2 (Annual Judicial Reception). And don't forget that the Annual Seminar this year will be at the Mauna Lani on the Big Island, Hawaii October 7-11. You can visit our newly redesigned website [www.abtl.org](http://www.abtl.org) or follow us on our new LinkedIn page [www.linkedin.com/company/abtl](http://www.linkedin.com/company/abtl) for regular updates.

We hope that you will continue to join me and my fellow officers, Susan Leader (Vice President), Manuel Cachán (Treasurer), and Kevin Boyle (Secretary), in our effort to improve our craft and our profession through the promotion of dialogue, diversity, and community. As we embark on the next decade—and soon the sixth decade of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers—we remain committed to ensuring that the ABTL continues to grow and remains a vibrant and vital organization.

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