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#### AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES: Membership FAQ'S

**Why ABOTA?** ABOTA is a national legal organization dedicated to preserving the right to jury trials in civil cases and improving civility, ethics and professionalism in the legal field.

**What does membership mean?** The membership of ABOTA consists of more than 7,700 trial lawyers—equally balanced between plaintiff and defense—as well as judges spread among 96 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The most highly respected, experienced and qualified civil trial lawyers in the Sacramento region are proud members of ABOTA.

**What does ABOTA do in our community?** Our Sacramento Valley Chapter promotes civility and ethics through its Civility Matters program, provides trial practice training from top trial lawyers and participates in civic education programs in local schools. Chapter members are also active in the community at large such as feeding the hungry and supporting numerous charitable organizations.

**What does ABOTA do nationally?** ABOTA, through its many chapters around the nation, actively promotes judicial independence, fosters improvement in the ethical and technical standards of trial practice in the field of advocacy, and seeks to preserve the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to a civil jury trial through the multi-faceted program known as “Save Our Juries.”

**What does the ABOTA Foundation do?** The ABOTA Foundation provides resources and programs for teachers and students to better understand the Constitution, the judicial system and civic engagement.

**How do I become a member?** Membership is by invitation only. In order to become a member, an applicant must have tried at least 10 civil jury trials to jury verdict or hung jury as lead counsel and must also exhibit the characteristics of civility, integrity and professionalism that are the hallmarks of ABOTA lawyers.

**How do I get more information?** Contact any of our members, our Executive Director or our officers as listed on our Sacramento Valley Chapter web site at [www.sac-valley.cal-abota.org](http://www.sac-valley.cal-abota.org) or the web site of our National ABOTA organization at [www.abota.org](http://www.abota.org).

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