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Sacramento Valley

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

158

SECTION 1: GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

We added three new members in early 2023, and at our October Chapter Business meeting, six new member applicants received the requisite votes needed for membership. We anticipate those six applicants will be approved by National for membership in January, 2024.

Membership retention and growth are high priorities for our chapter. We have a Membership Committee, and our plan for growth of membership now includes long-range work. Our Diversity Committee also focuses on outreach to possible new members in our legal community. We have enlisted the help of the judiciary, as well as that of local private mediators and arbitrators to keep an eye out for potential member candidates.

A major focus of our chapter this year was relationship-building with the legal and greater community, including local and state affinity Bar organizations, the six area law school deans, law students and professors, the local judiciary, service organizations and community non-profit organizations. We donated \$12,050 in local and state event sponsorships and many of our members attended these events. This increased our visibility in the community, and consequently increased public awareness of ABOTA, ABOTA's important missions and the presence of a local chapter here.

We also created several new programs that we believe will help with membership:

- New Member Orientation;
- Membership Applicant/Member Mixer;
- Inviting each of the six area law school deans to bring one trial advocacy student to our annual Judicial Reception;
- Law Student Scholarship Program; and
- Civil Litigation Mentorship Program.

This has definitely been a year of “firsts” for our chapter!

The Membership Applicant/Member Mixer was designed to be convenient and to help members decide how they will vote on new applicants in advance of the business meeting. At our first such mixer on September 14th, each applicant was invited to attend with their sponsor. The sponsor introduced the applicant and provided the member attendees with the applicant’s background information. Each applicant was given an opportunity to make brief remarks. We had great feedback from members in attendance. It certainly provided some added dignity to the application process. Members and applicants were able to meet and get to know each other. This successful “first” for our chapter has already helped serve to get all six of the most recent applicants the necessary number of votes required for membership at our October business meeting! Please see in Exhibit Two, the representative testimonial of Past Chapter President, Jim Anwyl, a near 30-year member of our chapter. (Testimonial No. 1)

Many civil law firms are struggling to find and/or keep associate attorneys in the post-pandemic climate. Our new Civil Litigation Mentorship Program is a great way to foster newer attorneys’ interest in civil litigation, as well as provide participating chapter member mentors with introductions to other attorneys in the community. This program helps our chapter to identify attorneys in our legal community who may eventually obtain the requisite minimum number of civil jury trials for ABOTA membership. Long-range, it is expected to help the chapter increase membership.

The same is true for our new Law Student Scholarship Program. We believe that providing scholarships to law students with an interest in civil litigation creates good will that stays with the students as they launch their careers. Early exposure to chapter members at our scholarship awards event provides them with information about ABOTA’s missions, future membership opportunities and the importance of good record-keeping on their civil jury trials.

At our Judicial Reception in June, each law school dean was invited to make brief remarks about ways our chapter can work with the law schools and law students, and each dean read the bio of the Trial Advocacy student they brought to the reception. Feedback from the students after the event revealed that their interest in civil litigation increased, as did their interest in ABOTA as a legal organization they may strive to join one day.

SECTION 2: GROWTH IN PRO BONO AND SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Our new Law Student Scholarship Program provided \$1,000 each to four area law school students, for a total contribution of \$4,000 by the Chapter. Please see in Exhibit Two the representative testimonials from some of this year's scholarship recipients, Samantha L., Kylee N. and Kris C. (Testimonial Nos. 2-4)

Our 2023 donations to affinity Bar organizations, other Bar associations and community non-profit organizations totaled \$38,202.39.

We also collaborated with the San Francisco Chapter to support the Loyola Law School Journalist Law School Fellowship Program by donating \$2,500 for a total donation between the two chapters of \$5,000. We are proud that our chapter has participated in supporting this important program for several years as it serves to educate journalists who cover the courts on national, regional and local levels.

We supported the National ABOTA Foundation program, "Modern Jury Trials", that was held at the National meeting in Little Rock, with a co-sponsor contribution of \$1,250.

SECTION 3: DIVERSITY

Our Diversity Committee is very active in the local and state legal communities. We notified the affinity Bar organizations of our new Civil Litigation Mentorship Program. Many of our chapter members have attended, and the chapter has sponsored a record number of affinity Bar events this year:

- South Asian Bar Association Gala;
- Cruz Reynoso Bar Association Award Ceremony;
- Second Annual statewide Unity Bar Summit;
- SacLegal LGBTQ Gala Reception;
- California Asian Pacific American Bar Association Annual Conference;
- Sacramento Region Diversity Career Faire;
- Disability Inclusivity Bar Association of California;
- Annual Sacramento Unity Bar Dinner (Leonard Friedman Bar Association);
- Women Lawyers of Sacramento ArtFest;
- Wiley Manuel Bar Association Legal Fusion Event; and the
- 16th Annual Diversity Law Student Reception at Justice Mesiwala's house.

It was our goal this year to have at least two Chapter officers in attendance at the affinity Bar events we sponsored. We have thoroughly enjoyed this relationship-building! On June 3rd, we had six Chapter officers in attendance at the Second Annual statewide Unity Bar Summit at McGeorge School of Law. On October 26th, we had five chapter members in attendance at the

annual Sacramento Unity Bar Dinner, and we sponsored two 2023 law school graduates to attend with us.

We have also started to partner with affinity Bar organizations on educational programs. This will increase ABOTA's visibility in the greater legal community. On January 26th, we co-sponsored the Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento's program at the Downey Brand law firm entitled: "Civility is the Floor, Inclusion is the Goal". One of our Chapter members was a panelist with several esteemed members of our local judiciary.

Another thing that our chapter has strived to do when possible, is to be intentional about having diversity on our program panels so that attendees will have the opportunity to see someone who looks like them, and so that all attendees will hear varying perspectives and points of view.

Please see in Exhibit Two, representative testimonials from Luis A. Cespedes, California Judicial Appointments Secretary, and Lovia Ofori-Ampofo, 2023 McGeorge School of Law graduate. (Testimonial Nos. 5 and 6)

SECTION 4: COLLEGIALLY AND COMARADERIE

Throughout the year, our chapter members gathered together at the following Chapter events:

- February: Annual Installation of Officers' Dinner Dance
- May: Annual Judicial Reception
- July: Annual Chapter Golf Tournament
- July: Sharing God's Bounty at St. Philomene's Church-annual community meal service
- August: Annual Summer BBQ and Legends Awards
- September: First-Ever Membership Applicant/Member Mixer
- October: Annual Chapter Business Meeting

Several of our chapter officers, National Board Representatives and other members attended the National Board meetings and the Cal-ABOTA Board meetings, including the Cal-ABOTA Hawaii Conference in November. We enjoy socializing and learning about other chapters' programs with our ABOTA friends and colleagues across the nation and from around our state and Hawaii at these events. We are proud of our chapter's strong attendance at national and Cal-ABOTA meetings.

At our February installation of officers' dinner dance, we had the pleasure of National President Steve Quattlebaum's attendance. Steve gave a very thoughtful speech that included an historical perspective on the third branch of our nation's government. We also enjoyed having one of our newest judges on the Sacramento Bench, the Hon. Myrlys Stockdale Coleman, administer the officers' oath. The evening culminated with the presentation of our 2022

awards, including Trial Lawyer of the Year to Shafeeq Sadiq, and the Jim Gilwee Civility Award to Carolee Kilduff.

At our August Summer BBQ and Legends Awards, we honored chapter member, Steve Gurnee, as a chapter Legend of ABOTA.

The women members of our chapter have started gathering for occasional dinners as “WABOTA”, and are very much enjoying each other’s company. We continued in 2023 with our WABOTA tradition of sponsoring the 19th Hole at the chapter golf tournament, and served pink sangria to the golfers as they concluded their game in memory of our female chapter members, Noel Ferris and Nancy Sheehan, who have passed away.

Our chapter members also engage with each other during committee work, including our Membership Committee, Diversity Committee, and Educational Programs Committee. This year we also formed several ad hoc committees that brought us together to work with our greater legal community on things such as helping one of our local courts find possible solutions to decreased courtroom availability and delayed trial dates for civil jury trials. We established a diverse Scholarship Selection Team for our new Law Student Scholarship Program, and we established a committee to pair mentors and mentees for our new Civil Litigation Mentorship Program.

Please also see in Section 3 of this application, the list of local and state affinity Bar association events that our chapter officers and other members attended this year. Our efforts to increase our relationships in the affinity Bar organizations and other local Bar associations have been rewarding and fun for us, all the while also increasing ABOTA’s visibility in the community. For each of us, we have come away from 2023 with a greater sense of relevancy.

SECTION 5: SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please see our answer to Section 4 herein as it lists our chapter’s primary 2023 social activities.

It should be noted that from that list of social activities, one of the highlights for our chapter members this year and every year is the serving of a hot meal at St. Philomene’s Church to those in need. The Honorable James Mize (Sacramento County Superior Court) spearheads the organization of this event with the help of Chapter member, Mike Pazdernik. This year, Mike once again did all of the barbecuing of the tri-tip donated by the chapter, and the chapter sponsored live music to bring cheer to the attendees while they dined. Chapter members served food and drink and enjoyed time together giving to our community.

SECTION 6: COLLABORATION

In addition to the collaboration listed elsewhere in this application (formed ad hoc committee with plaintiffs and defense Bar organizations to help address lack of courtroom availability, presentation of educational program on civility and inclusion with Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento, co-sponsoring Journalist's Law School with San Francisco Chapter and co-sponsoring numerous affinity Bar organization events), in 2023 our chapter worked with the judges in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California to help get the court support from Cal-ABOTA and National ABOTA to address the judicial crisis.

Chief Judge Kimberly J. Mueller, the recipient of our chapter's 2023 Judge of the Year award, became aware of our chapter's 2023 theme of "The Importance of Judicial Independence". The chief judge reached out to our chapter about the court's lack of resources in the face of unsustainable caseload sizes per judge. Chief Judge Mueller emphasized that "Justice delayed, is justice denied", and she spoke to our chapter members at our Summer BBQ event about how ABOTA members can best carry the message to Congress on behalf of our courts and the citizens of our state. The Eastern District covers 34 counties in California stretching from Redding to Bakersfield, yet since 1978 it has had only six permanent judgeships despite a population growth of 3.14 million in 1970 to nearly 8.3 million in 2022. In 2021, it was estimated that there was only one U.S. District Court judge for every 1,362,560 residents.

Our chapter took the issue of the urgent need for Congress to establish five additional judgeships in the Eastern District to the National ABOTA Judicial Independence Committee. The committee drafted and presented a proposed Resolution to National ABOTA's Executive Committee for review and consideration. At the National Board meeting in Little Rock on October 7th, the Resolution was approved without opposition. The chapter has now taken this important project to Cal-ABOTA for further work to help the Eastern District.

Please see in Exhibit Three, a copy of the National ABOTA Resolution urging Congress to establish much-needed additional judgeships in the Eastern District. This collaborative work with our judiciary and national and regional ABOTA has been extremely rewarding for our chapter members. In 2023, we experienced firsthand how ABOTA members can work together to accomplish positive change for our legal and greater community.

Please see in Exhibit Two, the representative testimonials from Chief Judge Kimberly J. Mueller, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, and Justice Shama Hakim Mesiwala, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. (Testimonial Nos. 15 and 7)

SECTION 7: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In addition to the community involvement previously mentioned in this application (Section 3 Diversity), our chapter would like to highlight five additional 2023 community engagements it is most proud of:

- First Impressions Program in Stockton elementary schools
- Annual Chapter Golf Tournament-fundraiser for Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation
- First-ever High School Civility Matters Program at Saint Mary's High School, Stockton, CA
- Capitol City Trial Lawyer's Spring Fling Fundraiser for Sacramento Food Bank
- Rapid Response Team's presentations to Rotary clubs (see Section 10)

This year, while chapter members were immersed in the very important work of engaging with the numerous affinity and other Bar organizations in our community (see Section 3 of this application), we continued with some other important annual programs and events that are near and dear to our hearts, and that reflect the character of our membership.

Each year chapter members participate in the Honorable Barbara Kronlund's (San Joaquin County Superior Court) First Impressions Program. The program spans several weeks and uses the story of *"The Three Little Pigs"* to help give elementary school students a first glimpse at how our courts work, the roles of the people in the courtroom and the importance of the right to a jury trial. Chapter members get creative in putting on a mock courtroom performance of the story, while the students get to serve as the jurors and decide the outcome of the case. The program culminates in the students getting a field trip to the courthouse where they take on the courtroom roles and perform the mock trial for the attorneys and judge. This year, our chapter was thrilled to be able to donate the funds needed to provide snack bags for the students; a little reward for the students' attention to what might otherwise be a dry topic for them! Our chapter members who participate in this program each year return with the feeling of joy that public service provides.

Our 2023 Chapter Golf Tournament had a record number of 100 golfers register! We were pleased to raise \$17,000 for the area non-profit, Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation. Albie Aware provides support and assistance to anyone who has had the devastating experience of hearing someone in a white coat tell them that they have been diagnosed with breast cancer. This destructive disease strikes both women and men. It was only a few years ago that our chapter lost one of our most beloved members, Nancy Sheehan, to breast cancer. On top of the \$17,000 raised from the golf tournament, our WABOTA members got together and raised \$6,475 to donate to Albie Aware as we remember our former member, Nancy.

When National ABOTA rolled out the Foundation's High School Civility Matters Program, our chapter was anxious to get the program underway locally. Under the thoughtful guidance of our Civility Matters Co-Chairs, Dominique Pollara and Rick Linkert, in 2023, we put on our first High School Civility Matters Program at Saint Mary's High School in Stockton. The Honorable

Ronald Northup (San Joaquin County Superior Court) who is also a member of our chapter, helped to organize the program and served as a panelist with Dominique Pollara, Letty Litchfield, Shafeeq Sadiq and Mike Kronlund. We gave each student a pocket-size Constitution and a positive message pencil. The students and the chapter members gained valuable insights during the exchange of perspectives. We look forward to expanding the program to more high schools in 2024!

Please see in Exhibit Two, representative testimonials from Michael J. Wright, Principal, Saint Mary's High School, and the Hon. Ronald Northup. (Testimonial Nos. 8 and 9)

In addition to the numerous donations to local and state affinity and other Bar organizations, our chapter donated \$1,000 to the Capitol City Trial Lawyers Spring Fling Fundraiser for the Sacramento Food Bank. Several members also attended the event.

SECTION 8: PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Chapter professional education programs in 2023 included:

JAN. 26: Webinar "Civility is the Floor, Inclusion is the Goal" co-presented by Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA and the Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento at Downey Brand firm

FEB. 17: Webinar "Responding to Request for Production of Documents: From Basics to the Big Leagues"

APRIL 18: Civility Matters Program at Cal Northern School of Law, Chico, CA

JULY 13: Webinar "Judges and Lawyers: Better Together-A Discussion About Preserving Judicial Independence"

SEPT. 9: Civility Matters Program at Placer County Bar Association Annual MCLE Conference

SEPT. 27: Civility Matters Program at Lincoln Law School of Sacramento

NOV. 14: Webinar "Mandatory Settlement Conference and Mediations-Mechanics and the Do's and Don'ts"

DEC. 1: Masters in Trial Program at Lincoln Law School of Sacramento

We also co-sponsored the Loyola Journalist's Law School in Southern California with the San Francisco Chapter, and we co-sponsored the ABOTA Foundation's program "Modern Jury Trial" at the Little Rock meeting.

Please see in Exhibit Two, the representative testimonials from a Masters in Trial attendee, Aparna Agnihotri, Esq., and Dean Sandra L. Brooks of Cal Northern School of Law in Chico. (Testimonial Nos. 10 and 11)

SECTION 9: CIVICS EDUCATION

Chapter civics education programs in 2023 included:

JAN. 26: Webinar “Civility is the Floor, Inclusion is the Goal” co-presented by Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA and the Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento at Downey Brand firm

APRIL 18: Civility Matters Program at Cal Northern School of Law, Chico, CA

JULY 13: Webinar “Judges and Lawyers: Better Together-A Discussion About Preserving Judicial Independence”

SEPT. 9: Civility Matters Program at Placer County Bar Association Annual MCLE Conference

SEPT. 18: James Otis Lecture Series presented to several classrooms for Constitution Day (the Monday after Constitution Day) at Mira Loma High School, Sacramento

SEPT. 27: Civility Matters Program at Lincoln Law School of Sacramento

OCT. 19: High School Civility Matters Program at Saint Mary’s High School, Stockton

Additionally, our Rapid Response Team presented the chapter’s program, “The Importance of Judicial Independence” to three Rotary Clubs. We also co-sponsored the Loyola Journalist’s Law School in Southern California with the San Francisco Chapter.

Our chapter president sent a letter to the local presiding and assistant presiding judges informing them of the availability of our chapter’s Rapid Response Team for unfair criticism of judges and provided them with a one-year subscription to ABOTA’s “*Voir Dire*” magazine which included the Spring edition with the revised white paper on judicial independence. A copy of this letter is attached in Exhibit Three.

Our chapter president sent a letter to the local presiding judges informing them of the availability of the new jury service video that ABOTA and the ABOTA Foundation supported the National Association of Women Judges in creating. We provided the presiding judges with a link to the video and other judicial resources on the national ABOTA website. A copy of this letter is attached in Exhibit Three.

Please see in Exhibit Two, the representative testimonials from Ryan East, Teacher, Mira Loma High School, and the Hon. David W. Abbott, Ret. (Sacramento County Superior Court), Chapter Rapid Response Team member and chapter officer. (Testimonial Nos. 12 and 13)

SECTION 10: JUDICIAL INVOLVEMENT

Our chapter’s theme for 2023 is “The Importance of Judicial Independence”. We have strived to include an increase in public awareness about the importance of judicial independence in as many of our chapter educational programs as possible. We make every effort to mention in

introductory remarks at our chapter events that preserving an independent judiciary is one of ABOTA's missions. We let attendees know about the judicial independence resources available to them through ABOTA, as well as the fact that National ABOTA and many chapters, including ours, have Rapid Response Teams in place to respond to unfair criticism of judges when appropriate.

Educating our communities to have confidence in our judiciary is a key part of heading off unfair criticisms of our judges. Therefore, our Rapid Response Team member, the Hon. Dave Abbott (Ret.), has been presenting a Power Point on the importance of judicial independence to local Rotary clubs. This program was designed by Judge Barbara Kronlund and has been well-received by the public. We are encouraging our chapter members to take the program to other service organizations so that our community has crucial information in advance of any potential unfair criticisms of local judges.

We held our annual Judicial Reception in May, with 100 registering for the event. In keeping with our 2023 theme of "The Importance of Judicial Independence", we offered each of our attendees a signed copy of the Hon. LaDoris Hazzard Cordell, Ret.'s, book *"Her Honor: My Life on the Bench...What Works, What's Broken, and How to Change It"*.

At this event, we honored Chief U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of California, Hon. Kimberly J. Mueller, as our Judge of the Year. We honored her Courtroom Deputy, Casey Schultz, as our Clerk of the Year.

For the first time ever, we invited special guests to our Judicial Reception, including the deans from each of the six area law schools. Each dean was invited to bring one Trial Advocacy student. We had the deans read the bios of the law students they brought, and the deans were given speaking time to address our chapter members and the judiciary about ways our chapter can work with the law schools and law students to further their interest in civil litigation. Feedback from the judges, deans, students and chapter members helped us to recognize that we should continue this format for the event in future years.

In July, we presented a judicial independence webinar entitled: "Judges and Lawyers: Better Together-A Discussion About Preserving Judicial Independence". Our chapter president was the moderator, with an all-judge panel, including Presiding Judge, the Hon. Michael Bowman (Sacramento County Superior Court), one of the newest judges on the Sacramento bench, the Hon. Andi Mudryk and the Hon. LaDoris Hazzard Cordell, Ret. (Santa Clara County Superior Court). Topics included recalls, inappropriate motions challenging judges and information about the rules providing that attorneys have a duty to defend judges. Based on the webinar attendance we recognize that educational programs on judicial independence are in demand.

At our February installation of officers' dinner dance, we had 17 judges in attendance! The Hon. Consuelo M. Callahan, Justice, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, made opening

remarks about the importance of the work our chapter is doing, giving great weight to our message of the need for civility in the legal profession.

At our August Summer BBQ, Chief Judge Kimberly J. Mueller, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, was our guest speaker. Chief Judge Mueller remarked specifically on our chapter members' work on behalf of the California judiciary. She spoke about the importance of attorneys helping to preserve an independent judiciary and how this work is needed for the sustainability of the judiciary. We are currently urging Congress to establish five additional judgeships in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District, where, since 1978 there have only been six permanent judgeships despite each of the judges currently having an unsustainable pending caseload of 1,298 cases. (This effort by our chapter was addressed in more detail in Section 6 of this application.)

When a judicial officer speaks at one of our chapter events, or serves as an educational program panelist, we present them with a framed copy of ABOTA's Code of Professionalism. This continues to be a hit with the judges!

We formed an ad hoc committee and collaborated with plaintiffs and defense Bar organizations to help one of our local court's come up with possible solutions for a lack of courtroom availability that has been impacting access to justice with some civil jury trials being set out into 2025.

Earlier this year our chapter president sent each of the Superior Court Presiding and Assistant Presiding Judges in our region a letter informing them that our chapter has a Rapid Response Team with information on how to contact the team members. We also provided them with a one-year subscription to ABOTA's "*Voir Dire*" magazine and a copy of the Spring edition with the revised national ABOTA white paper "Preserving a Fair, Impartial, and Independent Judiciary". To complete the packet, we included a copy of the ABOTA Protocol for Responding to Unfair Criticisms of judges. We have received very positive feedback from the judiciary.

Our chapter president sent the area presiding judges a letter informing them of the new jury service video resources available through the ABOTA website, and the fact that the American Board of Trial Advocates and the ABOTA Foundation supported the National Association of Women Judges in the creation of these important videos that provide jury orientation and public education.

We have contacted a local presiding judge to inquire whether our chapter might co-present a judges' continuing education program. We confirmed with the California Judges Association that ABOTA is an approved provider for such a program.

Please see in Exhibit Two, representative testimonials about the chapter's judicial involvement from the Hon. Kimberly J. Mueller, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of

California, and the Hon. LaDoris Hazzard Cordell, Ret., Santa Clara County Superior Court.
(Testimonial Nos. 15 and 14)

SECTION 11: STATE INVOLVEMENT

In addition to the judicial crisis work we are doing with the judges in the Eastern District, which spans and impacts 34 California counties, six Chapter officers attended the statewide second annual Unity Bar Summit.

Our chapter president served on the California Judicial Fairness Coalition (under the California Judges Association), and served on our Sacramento County Superior Court Presiding Judge's Civil Advisory Committee.

Our Chapter president, vice-president and immediate past president serve on the Cal-ABOTA Board, as well as various Cal-ABOTA committees.

We are happy to report that our past chapter president, Karen Goodman, having been recently installed as an officer during the 2023 Cal-ABOTA Hawaii Conference, will be serving as the 2024 Treasurer of Cal-ABOTA!

SECTION 12: HISTORY

The Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA was formed in 1972. We currently have 158 members.

In 2017, the chapter retained the services of an association management company based in Sacramento, with Jennifer Blevins serving as the Chapter's Executive Director. Jennifer and her team manage the day-to-day operations, and work closely with Chapter leadership to keep things running strong and smoothly. The chapter has a basic website and has a goal to have social media presence in 2024.

We offer two notable historical facts about our chapter:

ONE: On his admission to ABOTA in 1993, chapter member, Dan Wilcoxon, was one of the last admittees to receive one of the beautifully hand-painted ABOTA membership plaques. Please see in Exhibit Three a photo of the plaque.

TWO: In researching the chapter history recently, we were reminded that one of our early chapter members, George Bullen, of Bullen McKoen & McKinley at the time he joined ABOTA, was tragically murdered in 1987 by a disgruntled client of the firm. Apparently, the client was lying in wait inside the Bullen home when George arrived home from work one evening. Mr. Bullen was only 61 years old at the time of his death. Please see in Exhibit Three a photo of Mr. Bullen from the early 1980's when he and his law partners dressed up in 1920's

formal wear and made an appearance in the old Yolo County courthouse. Mr. Bullen is remembered for being instrumental in helping to grow the chapter membership in its early days.

SECTION 13: ABOTA Foundation Fellows participation

The Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA has 126 Fellows out of its 158 Chapter members!

With the strong competitive nature of our 2023 Foundation Liaison, Dan Kohls (Immediate Past President), and with the dogged persistence of volunteer, Dominique Pollara (past chapter president), the chapter won the “Most Loyal Sustainers” category of the ABOTA Foundation Final Four Competition, and finished second behind the Illinois chapter in the overall competition for large chapters! We added 16 new Fellows during the competition and 16 new Sustainers during the competition!

Please see in Exhibit Five, a photograph from the National Board meeting in Little Rock when the chapter was presented with the trophy in the “Most Loyal Sustainers” category.

SECTION 14: OTHER INFORMATION

The Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA has strong participation at the national level. In 2023, Chapter member, Dominique Pollara, served as a National ABOTA Presidential Appointee on the National ABOTA Board. Our Chapter president, Letty Litchfield, served as a co-chair of the National ABOTA Judicial Independence Committee for a third year.

In addition to Letty Litchfield serving as a National Board Representative, our chapter has three other 2023 National Board Representatives, Jill Telfer, Michelle Jenni and Dan Wilcoxon. We also have a past National ABOTA president in our chapter, William Callaham, who attended National Board meetings with us this year when he wasn’t in trial. Our Immediate Past President, Dan Kohls, also attended nearly all of the 2023 National Board meetings.

This year, based on their consistent committee work, three of our chapter members have been asked to serve as National ABOTA committee co-chairs in 2024: Membership Committee Co-Chair: Jill Telfer; Professionalism, Ethics and Civility Committee Co-Chair: Dominique Pollara and Judicial Independence Committee Co-Chair: Letty Litchfield.

In 2023, our chapter president, vice-president and immediate past present served on the Cal-ABOTA Board and a number of Cal-ABOTA committees. At the Cal-ABOTA Hawaii Conference in November, our past chapter president, Karen Goodman, was installed as the 2024 Treasurer of Cal-ABOTA.

We believe that our chapter members’ strong participation at the local, state and national levels reflects our commitment to the important missions of ABOTA.

EXHIBIT ONE



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December 20, 2023

Dear National ABOTA Awards Committee:

It is a great joy to present to you the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA's application for chapter of the year in the large chapter category. While our membership is only 158 in number, we rallied and had a very active year! In fact, we accomplished several "firsts" for the chapter.

To guide you through our year in review, we have answered the application questions, and we have provided supporting documents and photographs in Exhibits Two through Five. Our exhibits include representative testimonials from witnesses to our 2023 work, copies of letters we sent to our area presiding judges, some notable historical information, flyers from our chapter events and educational and other new chapter programs, as well as representative photographs.

All of our activities were designed to further the missions of ABOTA. With our 2023 Chapter theme being "The Importance of Judicial Independence", we focused on including references to, and educational information about judicial independence at all of our events and in all of our programs. We used every opportunity we had to spread the word about ABOTA's available resources to help protect and preserve an independent judiciary, the rule of law and the 7th Amendment right to a civil jury trial.

Another major focus was relationship-building with the legal and greater community, including local and state affinity Bar organizations, the six area law school deans, law students and professors, the local judiciary, service organizations and community non-profit organizations.

The privilege of membership in ABOTA, and the good works of ABOTA have enriched all of our lives in 2023!

We thank you for your time in considering our application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Letty Litchfield
2023 Chapter President

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2017	Carl J. Calnero
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TESTIMONIAL NO. 1

“I’ve seen a number of changes in the Chapter in the almost 30 years in which I have been a member. This past year, however, has been a particularly impressive year in my opinion for a number of reasons. Initially, I recognize there’s a variety of thoughts on the changes which have occurred regarding membership qualifications. I appreciate the effort which has gone into membership selection to include the rigorous vetting which has taken place by the Membership Chair and the Executive Committee. I was also very impressed with the effort which went into having Member Law Firms host events to introduce prospective members to the Chapter and to encourage both the candidates and their sponsors to tell us about their background as lawyers and provide the kind of information we need as voting Members to make the appropriate decision on including them in our membership. I felt that was an excellent idea and was well done.

I’m also encouraged by the effort that has gone into seeking greater diversity in our membership. You have done an excellent job in that effort and you and the Executive Committee should be proud of your accomplishments and are to be congratulated for working as diligently as you have in furthering that goal. I think our Chapter shines in that area.

I recognize from my own past efforts in working on behalf of the Chapter that it is difficult, and at times frustratingly so, to bring new ideas forth in the form of outreach to our Chapter Membership as well as the greater legal community. This, however, has been an extraordinary year in that regard. I do not believe we have ever as a Chapter sponsored as many successful programs as were done this past year. The thought that has gone into the subject matter as well as the quality of the many presentations has really been impressive. I think on so many levels this historically has been what has separated and elevated ABOTA above and beyond other legal organizations. This has been a good year for our Chapter in that worthwhile effort.”

-JAMES T. ANWYL, Past Chapter President

TESTIMONIAL NO. 2

“Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the ABOTA scholarship and celebration. I am very grateful to have the time to meet with attorneys who are actively working in trial advocacy and learn from their career. I feel like this scholarship was more than funding; this was a network of professionals in my future field extending a hand of encouragement to me. I loved the focus on the legal code of ethics. The law is appropriately an adversarial process, but the Board emphasized the importance of civility.”

-SAMANTHA L., Scholarship Recipient, Cal Northern

TESTIMONIAL NO. 3

“It is such an incredible honor to be selected as an ABOTA scholarship recipient. The scholarship will provide me the opportunity to enroll in a BAR preparatory course, a vital expenditure that will place me one step closer to actualizing my dream of becoming an attorney. I am sincerely grateful for the financial assistance-- it feels as if a weight has been lifted off of my shoulders.

As a scholarship recipient, I was also fortunate enough to attend a scholarship presentation event. The ABOTA members I met there were warm, insightful, and offered me the unique opportunity to ask questions, interact, and catch a brief glimpse into the lives of inspiring trial advocates in my community. It was an event I won't soon forget!”

-KYLEE N., Scholarship Recipient, Lincoln School of Law

TESTIMONIAL NO. 4

“As a struggling law student, this scholarship could not have come at a better time. I am on the verge of being evicted from my home amid the holiday season and finals. The notice was given to me hours before the scholarship presentation celebration and at first I did not think that I could make it. However, when I walked into the room everyone was so welcoming that it brightened my day. I appreciate all of the words of wisdom that the members shared with us and the offer to assist us through our legal journey. I hope ABOTA understands the impact that it can have inside and outside of the courtroom. Thank you again for selecting me as a recipient of the scholarship. It is an absolute honor.”

-KRIS C., Scholarship Recipient, McGeorge School of Law

TESTIMONIAL NO. 5

Please see attached e-mail letter from LUIS CESPEDES, California Judicial Appointments Secretary

Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA

From: Luis Cespedes (luis.cespedes@gov.ca.gov)

To: litchfieldlaw@att.net

Cc: jriversa@rhplawyers.com

Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 at 01:19 PM PST

Dear Ms. Litchfield,

I am writing to congratulate the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA on two important initiatives you instituted. The first is your organization's defense of judicial independence which is the cornerstone of our democracy. As Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor recently stated regarding the need to protect both "decisional independence" and "institutional independence" of our judiciary – "...our belief in judicial independence has nonetheless triumphed because other actors have taken up the mantle of defending us. I hope this continues." Your work in this area continues to increase confidence in our judiciary and the rule of law. Secondly, I would like to personally commend you for supporting the work of many Affinity Bar Associations, and the Unity Bar movement in California which seeks to improve mutual respect, civility, and protection of civil rights. Thank you again for your leadership on these important initiatives. If I may be of assistance to your organization in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best personal regards,

Luis A. Céspedes

Judicial Appointments Secretary

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TESTIMONIAL NO. 6

“My name is Lovia Ofori-Ampofo, and I graduated from McGeorge School of Law in May 2023. While in law school, I had the pleasure of benefiting from the work of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA. Their dedication to the Sacramento legal community allowed me to meet judges, mediators, and lawyers from various walks of life.

Students such as myself benefited from the organization’s inclusiveness by inviting us to various events. ABOTA’s current president, Letty Litchfield, goes above and beyond with students. At every event, she ensures that the students feel special - whether a signed book or a small copy of the constitution for class.

Furthermore, I have witnessed their dedication to Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging (“DEIB”) through their constant support of the African-American Bar Association in Sacramento, the Unity Bar Association, and various underrepresented bar associations. As an African-American Woman starting my career in law, I feel honored to have an organization such as the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA contributing to the legal community in Sacramento.”

-LOVIA OFORI-AMPOFO, 2023 McGeorge graduate

TESTIMONIAL NO. 7

“The Sacramento Valley Chapter lives the values of ABOTA. I became a trial judge in 2017, and ABOTA immediately reached out to me to develop and foster a relationship. We realized that together we could make strides to emphasize the virtues of civility, integrity, and professionalism in those practicing civil litigation in our region. For example, our chapter put on a Zoom during the pandemic that encouraged younger attorneys and attorneys who did not normally appear regularly in law and motion hearings (which are the precursors to civil jury trials) to appear with a more seasoned litigator in court who would supervise their work but remain in the foreground. It was ABOTA’s leadership that modelled the practice that soon became more widespread in our region. As another example, the Sacramento Valley Chapter began inviting young and diverse law students and practitioners just a few years out of law school to attend and participate in ABOTA meetings, Zooms, and events to plant the seeds of striving for ABOTA membership. In these ways, our chapter has increased the visibility and impact of ABOTA in our region and continues to spread the value of preserving the Seventh Amendment right to jury trial in this generation and generations to come. I am most honored to be part of this movement with our local chapter.”

-SHAMA HAKIM MESIWALA, Justice, California
Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District

TESTIMONIAL NO. 8

“The ABOTA Foundation's High School Civility Matters program offered a wonderful insight for my students not only into law but being productive members of society. During the presentation, not only did my students learn but as the instructor, I was also intrigued and want to offer the presentation to more of our student body.”

-MICHAEL J. WRIGHT, Principal, Saint Mary's High

TESTIMONIAL NO. 9

“As a panelist who participated in the Civility Matters program at one of our local high schools, I was pleased to see how well the material was received by the students. Our class engaged in discussion and offered insights into issues that were relevant to them in the school setting relating to civility and ethical behavior. I was also impressed by those students who were willing to share their personal examples of incivility that they had witnessed or experienced. Overall, a very worthwhile program that I look forward to presenting at other schools.”

-HON. RONALD NORTHUP, San Joaquin County
Superior Court, and Sacramento Valley Chapter of
ABOTA member

TESTIMONIAL NO. 10

“This was the first ABOTA event that I have attended as an attorney. I remember loving the program when I was in law school and thinking "these are my type of people" when the primary focus was civility and being kind. I was very happy to attend the Masters in Trial program and see that the underlying message of civility continued to be a presence in most, if not all of the presentations. It inspired me to want to do litigation and made the whole process of trials seem challenging yet manageable with the right preparation. There were so many wonderful practice pointers and there was so much value in hearing from such experienced trial attorneys on the do's and don'ts. I was happy to be able to attend and gained many valuable tips.”

-APARNA AGNIHOTRI, Esq.

TESTIMONIAL NO. 11

“Its’ always a pleasure working with ABOTA to bring the Civility Matters Program to our campus. Having panelists from both sides of the Bar provide a unique perspective to the law students and it goes hand in hand with what the students are learning in their Trial Advocacy course.”

-SANDRA L. BROOKS, President and Dean, Cal
Northern School of Law

TESTIMONIAL NO. 12

"To: dadams@aclawyers.com

Subject: Constitution Day Thank You from Mira Loma HS

Dear Douglas P. Adams and ABOTA,

On behalf of the Mira Loma staff and students, we would like to thank you for the presentation given by members of your organization to Mira Loma High School. Both staff and students greatly appreciate the time and effort given by your group and would love to continue with future activities in the following years. The students showed great interest in court room like presentation and enjoyed participating in the mock trial showing the functions of our court systems. I know our school sign up for this was late, but the day still went well, and we may be able to expand the event in the coming years and bring even more engagements to the school for future Constitution Days and possibly more.

Thank you again from all of us,

Ryan East and Mira Loma HS"

TESTIMONIAL NO. 13

"I am on the "Rotary circuit." I have spoken to 3 Rotary clubs so far and will expand to other civic groups as I spread the word of my approach. In some respects, my presentations have been like a review of a high school civics class, e.g. separation of powers, co-equal branches of government, democracy, rule of law. My comments have been well received and appreciated. I have heard many positive comments and few, if any negative reactions. People appreciate what ABOTA has done and is doing to support the judiciary. Concomitant with what I say about the importance of judicial independence, I have been emphasizing judicial ethics, my point being that for people to appreciate the need for independence of the judiciary, they need to have confidence that judges are indeed independent and beyond reproach."

-HON. DAVID W. ABBOTT, Ret., Sacramento County Superior Court, and Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA member

TESTIMONIAL NO. 14

“Judicial independence is under attack like never before. Judges on our state courts are facing recalls, election challenges, and blanket disqualifications based upon their *lawful* decisions. In California, these attacks are happening throughout the State. Thankfully, the Sacramento Chapter of ABOTA, under the leadership of Letty Litchfield, has stepped up to address this threat to our judiciary. I am witness to the Chapter’s courageous work, having participated in its superb webinar on judicial independence in July 2023, the brainchild of Ms. Litchfield. I am a retired Superior Court judge who has been speaking out about this issue. But, thanks to the Sacramento Chapter of ABOTA, I am not alone. I applaud the Chapter’s courageous stance on this issue.”

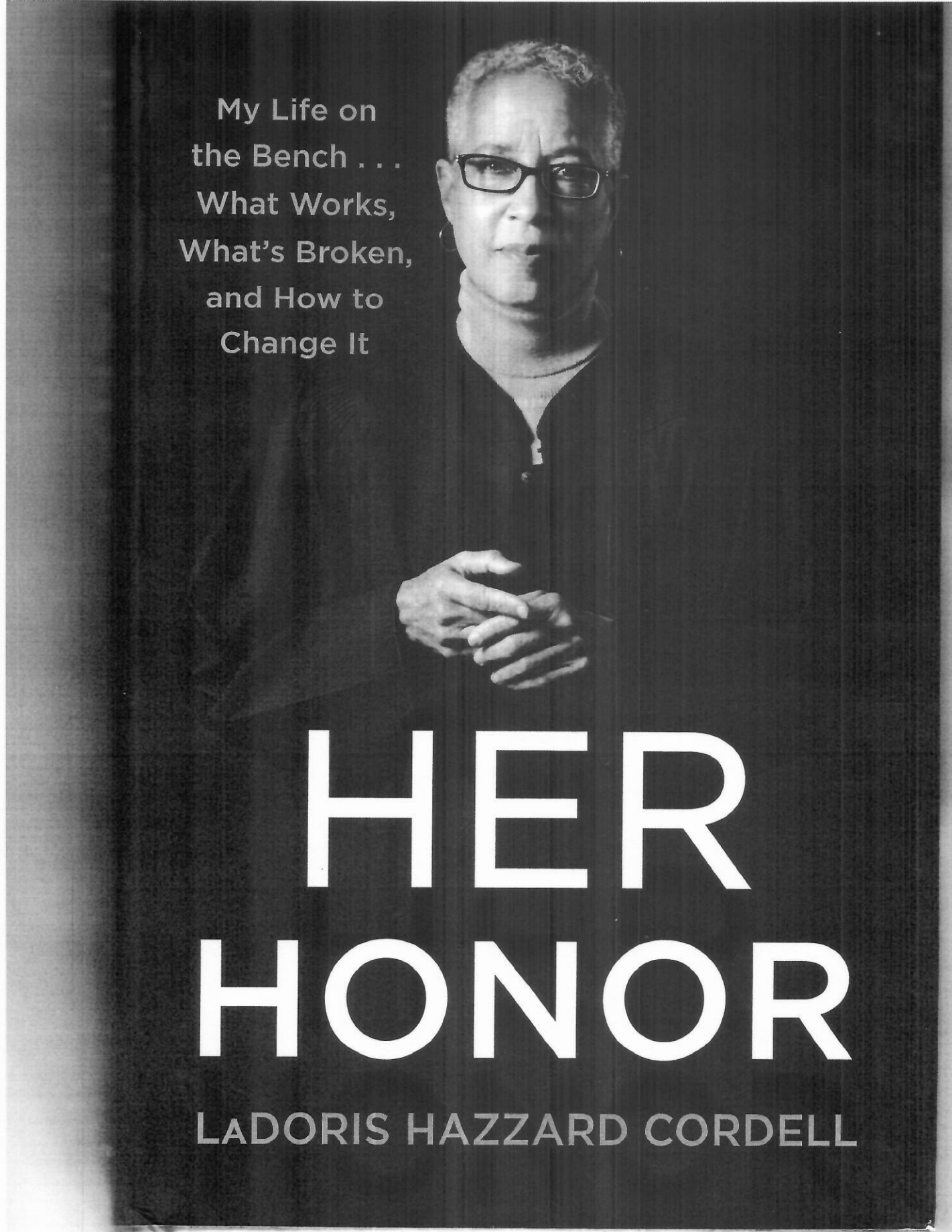
-HON. LaDORIS HAZZARD CORDELL, Ret., Santa Clara County Superior Court, and author of book *“Her Honor: My Life on the Bench...What Works, What’s Broken and How to Change It.”*

TESTIMONIAL NO. 15

“Members of ABOTA know best the costs of a court’s having insufficient judicial resources, given the burdens placed on access to justice and jury trials when there are too many cases and too few judges. And ABOTA is best positioned to carry the message — as it does so very effectively — that more judges for a court like our federal trial court, the Eastern District of California, will benefit the community at large and help preserve the rule of the law.”

-KIMBERLY J. MUELLER, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse

EXHIBIT THREE



My Life on
the Bench . . .
What Works,
What's Broken,
and How to
Change It

HER HONOR

LADORIS HAZZARD CORDELL



ABOTA URGE’S CONGRESS TO RESOLVE JUDICIAL CRISIS IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BY ESTABLISHING FIVE ADDITIONAL PERMANENT JUDGESHIPS

WHEREAS the American Board of Trial Advocates is an organization of more than 7,300 trial lawyers from the plaintiff and defense bar throughout the United States and is dedicated to safeguarding the right to trial by jury in civil cases as guaranteed by the Seventh Amendment, the rule of law, civility in trial practice and the independence of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS the Seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right to trial by jury in civil cases as an integral and essential component of the justice system; and

WHEREAS an efficient and effective judicial branch of government is fundamental to the success and perpetuation of the American form of government; and

WHEREAS the judiciary, as an equal and independent branch of government, must have adequate and sufficient resources to ensure the proper operation of the courts at all levels; and

WHEREAS since 1978 the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California has had only six permanent judgeships despite a population growth of 3.14 million in 1970 to nearly 8.3 million in 2022; and

WHEREAS the Eastern District of California covers 34 counties stretching from Redding to Bakersfield; and

WHEREAS in 2021, it was estimated that in the Eastern District there was only one judge for every 1,362,560 residents; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that each Eastern District judge has 1,298 pending cases, which caseload size is not sustainable, equates to a judicial crisis and impedes the people’s rights to justice and trial by jury as guaranteed by the Seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the American Board of Trial Advocates urges Congress to expeditiously establish five additional permanent judgeships for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California so that the rights and access to justice guaranteed by the Constitution are preserved, and be it further

RESOLVED that the officers and representatives of the American Board of Trial Advocates be and they are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all necessary action to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

— October 7, 2023



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June 22, 2023

MAIL MERGE TO EACH JUDGE

Dear Judge _____:

As you may know, the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) is a national organization of trial lawyers committed to the independence of the judiciary and preservation of the civil jury trial protected by the California Constitution and the Seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution.

ABOTA membership includes litigators from the plaintiff and defense side of the Bar and is by invitation only to those lawyers with significant jury trial experience and whose professionalism and courtroom excellence have been confirmed by our local chapters. ABOTA, as part of its defense of our jury trial system, serves as a champion for issues which are essential to that cause. It is my privilege to serve this year as president of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA.

One of the vital components of our civil jury trial system is an independent judiciary. ABOTA fully understands and embraces this fundamental concept. The Sacramento Valley Chapter is providing you with a complimentary subscription to *Voir Dire*, ABOTA's national publication. In the enclosed Spring 2023 issue, you will find a copy of ABOTA's white paper: "Preserving a Fair, Impartial, and Independent Judiciary." You may also wish to visit ABOTA's website at www.abota.org, where you can access other judicial resources, including ABOTA's "Protocol for Responding to Unfair Criticism of Judges."

ABOTA stands ready to provide the voice necessary for the preservation of an independent judiciary when an unfairly criticized or targeted judicial officer is unable to do so. Please call on ABOTA at any time you become aware of such an occasion, and they will respond in a measured and appropriate manner. This is not done to

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curry favor with the judiciary but rather something ABOTA feels is essential to such an important component of our democracy.

Your court lies within the geographical region of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA. Our chapter has a Rapid Response Team available as listed below:

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Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Letty Litchfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Letty Litchfield

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December 12, 2023

The Honorable Michael Bowman
Presiding Judge, Sacramento Superior Court
Via E-Mail

Dear Judge Bowman,

Our Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA would like to make you aware of a new and very brief video resource that may be useful to your court's jury commissioner as part of the jury orientation program. You will find the link to the five-minute video "Jury Orientation and Public Education" by clicking [here](#).

The American Board of Trial Advocates and the ABOTA Foundation supported the National Association of Women Judges in the creation of this outstanding video that addresses the importance of civil trials and an independent decision-making process by judges and juries.

It is our hope that you will recommend the use of these videos to inform the public and jury venire panels of the importance of jury service.

Please feel free to provide us with feedback by contacting me at litchfieldlaw@att.net or our Chapter Executive Director, Jenny Blevins, at jennifer@caladmanagement.com.

Sincerely,

Letty Litchfield
President, Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA

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By the authority vested in them
do hereby confer upon:

Daniel E. Wilcoxon
the rank of

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having duly examined him and having verified his
credentials and having found him to possess
the requisite skill, integrity and experience
in the special art of advocacy to qualify
for this rank.

Given this 27th day of March, 1993

Don C. Keenan

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EXHIBIT FOUR



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CIVIL LITIGATION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

ARE YOU AN ATTORNEY LOOKING FOR MENTORSHIP AS YOU LAUNCH YOUR LEGAL CAREER?

Have you been in practice 1-5 years, but need professional guidance and mentorship to help your practice grow?

Would you like to gain insight into becoming a successful trial attorney?

WE HAVE THE ANSWER!

A new mentorship program that matches newer attorneys with experienced trial attorneys in the Sacramento area.

WHO: Mentee attorneys will be attorneys with one year or more of practice experience who are looking for mentorship from an experienced attorney. Mentor attorneys are members of the **Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA**, a national organization of experienced trial attorneys who exemplify civility and professionalism in the practice of law.

WHAT: A four-month long mentoring program that pairs newer attorneys with experienced attorneys and judges who are seasoned civil trial attorneys and ABOTA members. Activities for the mentors and mentees could include attending a court appearance, deposition, or trial; attending an MCLE or local Bar association event; or participating in community service or other charitable event.

WHERE: Mentee attorneys and their assigned mentor attorneys can meet in person, by telephone, or by Zoom. The expectation is to meet at least once per month for a four-month period.

WHEN: Selection of mentee attorneys and matching with assigned mentors will occur in December 2023. An initial kickoff meeting for mentors and mentees will occur in January 2024 and the program will run through April 2024.

WHY: The **Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA** is an organization of attorneys who have each tried at least 10 civil jury trials to verdict. We want to help develop the next generation of litigators. This mentorship program is intended to promote professional growth and learning and to foster networking among Sacramento area attorneys of all ages and areas of practice.

HOW: By Wednesday, December 1st, please send an e-mail to ABOTA members Mia Winter, miawinter@hotmail.com and Jill Telfer, jtelfer@telferlaw.com to express your interest in being matched with a mentor. Please include the word "Mentorship" in the subject line of your e-mail. We will reach out to learn about your interests and areas of practice in order to match you with an appropriate mentor.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Bar Number: _____ Year of Admission: _____

Current Place of Employment: _____

Employment History: _____

Areas of Practice: _____

Why do you want to be matched with a mentor? _____

What do you hope to gain from participating in the program? _____

Do you have an interest in civil litigation? _____

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER OF ABOTA
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Agenda:

- Provide new member binders
- Self-introductions of attendees
- Welcome by Chapter President/viewing of national website including resources available to members (Letty)
- Brief overview of new member materials in binder; importance of attending/participating; chapter committees available (Jill)
- Review of chapter/national/international event dates and educational programs available (Dominique)
- Review national committee work available for member participation by Zoom (Dominique)
- Information about the Foundation/importance of becoming a Fellow (Dan Kohls)
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- Q & A

Welcome to ABOTA!

Thank you all for attending today.

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FEB. 4: Officer Installation Dinner/Dance at Del Paso Country Club

FEB. 17: Webinar “Responding to Request for Production of Documents: From Basics to the Big Leagues”

APRIL 18: Civility Matters Program at Cal Northern School of Law, Chico, CA

MAY 24: Annual Judicial Reception at the home of member, John Demas

JUNE 19: Annual Chapter Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation at Valley Hi Country Club and Golf Course, Elk Grove, CA

JULY 13: Webinar “Judges and Lawyers: Better Together-A Discussion About Preserving Judicial Independence”

JULY 25: Sharing God’s Bounty at St. Philomene’s Church

AUGUST 11: Annual Summer BBQ and Legends of ABOTA Awards at Del Paso Country Club

SEPT. 9: Civility Matters Program at Placer Co. Bar Association Annual Conference

SEPT. 14: Membership Applicant/Member Mixer at Matheny Sears Linkert & Jaime law firm

SEPT. 18: James Otis Lecture Series presented to several classrooms for Constitution Day (the Monday after Constitution Day) at Mira Loma High School

SEPT. 27: Civility Matters Program at Lincoln Law School of Sacramento

OCT. 18: Annual Chapter Business Meeting at the Hyatt, Sacramento

OCT 19: High School Civility Matters Program at Saint Mary’s High School

NOV. 14: Webinar “Mandatory Settlement Conference and Mediations-Mechanics and the Do’s and Don’ts”

DEC. 1: Masters in Trial Program at Lincoln Law School of Sacramento

From: ABOTA Sacramento Valley Chapter <jennifer@caladmanagement.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 10:11 AM
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**Civility is the Floor,
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January 26, 2023 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm
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Join distinguished judiciary members Judge Mesiwala, Judge Ueda, and Judge Mudryk and Sacramento Valley ABOTA past president, Jesse Rivera, for an enlightening discussion on civility and inclusion in the courtroom and beyond

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Date & Location

Thursday, January 26, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Downey Brand LLP
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Sacramento, CA 95814
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Annual Dinner & Installation of Officers
Saturday, February 4, 2023 | 6:00pm
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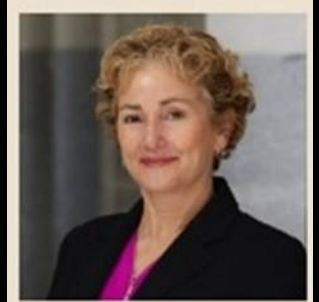


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February 17, 2023 | 12:00pm - 1:15pm



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- The Honorable Jesus Rodriguez, *Butte County Superior Court*
- Mia Lathrop Winter, Esq., *Of Counsel, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, as defense counsel*
- Adam Sorrells, Esq., *Law Office of Adam Sorrells, as plaintiff's counsel*
- Dominique Pollara, Esq., *Pollara Law Group, Co-Moderator*
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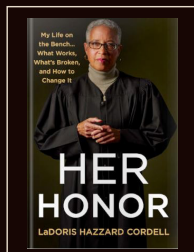


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We need anyone who would like to help with the cooking to arrive around 1pm; those who can help set up and move tables, chairs and equipment and serve meals to get there no later than 5:30pm.

Wear comfortable clothing.

We are finished serving by 7pm and cleanup and restacking of chairs and tables is normally completed by 8pm so it is not a huge time commitment, but it is so very rewarding to help serve the hungry families in the area.

Please volunteer and let us know if you can help . Even if you can not show up, Sharing God's Bounty is collecting travel-size toiletries—e.g. soap, shampoo, conditioner, and body lotions and anything for children!

If you are unable to attend, you can drop off donations either at St. Philomene's Church or the Sacramento Valley ABOTA office.

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Annual Chapter Meeting | October 18, 2023 Hyatt Regency Sacramento

Registration is now open for the 2023 Annual Chapter Meeting of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA. Please register early; this will be an important meeting as we have several potential new candidates for membership this year and proposed bylaw amendments for discussion and vote.

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5:30pm - Cocktails
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Trial Notebook Basics; Direct Exam - Don't Overlook; Clients: How to Properly Prepare Them

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Dangerous Conditions Claims: What Works and What Doesn't

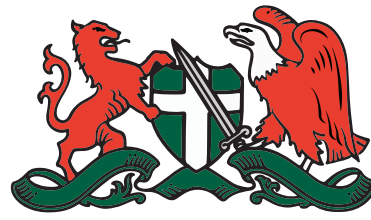
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- A.** Swearing in of New Officers by Honorable Myrlys Stockdale Coleman (Sacramento County Superior Court)
- B.** Installation Dinner Guests with National ABOTA President, Steve Quattlebaum
- C.** Congratulations Shafeeq Sadiq 2022 Trial Lawyer of the Year, Receiving his Award in February 2023
- D.** Congratulations Carolee Kilduff 2022 Jim Gilwee Civility Award Recipient, Receiving her Award in February 2023
- E.** 2023 Executive Committee and Chapter Executive Director, Jenny Blevins.
- F.** Judge David W. Abbott, Ret. (Sacramento County Superior Court) presenting the Chapter Rapid Response Team's "The Importance of Judicial Independence" Program to East Sacramento Rotary Club on November 29, 2023.
- G.** Letty Litchfield and Dominique Pollara accepting the ABOTA Foundation Award for the Chapter with the "Most Loyal Sustainers" at Little Rock National Board Meeting.
- H.** George Bullen in Yolo County Courtroom in the early 1980's.
- I.** Linda Sharpe, John Demas and Judge Kevin Culhane (Sacramento County Superior Court) presenting the James Otis Lecture Series on September 18, 2023 at Mira Loma High School in Sacramento
- J.** Karen Goodman being installed as the 2024 CAL-ABOTA Treasurer at the November 2023 Hawaii Conference.
- K.** High School Civility Matters Program at St. Mary's High School in Stockton
- L.** High School Civility Matters Program with Speakers at St. Mary's High School in Stockton
- M.** Dan Wilcoxon sharing ABOTA information with the 2023 Scholarship Recipients.
- N.** Group shot with ABOTA members and law school student scholarship recipients at the scholarship presentation gathering.
- O.** Masters In Trial registration desk staffed by Natalie Sinclair
- P.** Masters in Trial class.
- Q.** Civility Matters Presenters at Lincoln Law School
- R.** Masters in Trial Presenter Matt Jaime
- S.** Masters in Trial Presenters
- T.** Civility Matters Presentation in Placer County
- U.** ABOTA members with new members holding their plaques.
- V.** Judge Kimberly J. Mueller, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California receiving her Judge of the Year Award.
- W.** ABOTA Members at the Unity Bar Summit
- X.** ABOTA Members at the Unity Bar Summit
- Y.** Women of ABOTA (WABOTA) enjoying dinner together.
- Z.** ABOTA Member, John Quincy Brown, III and his band.
- 1.** ABOTA Judicial Reception with ABOTA Members, Judges and Judicial Appointment Secretary, Luis Cespedes



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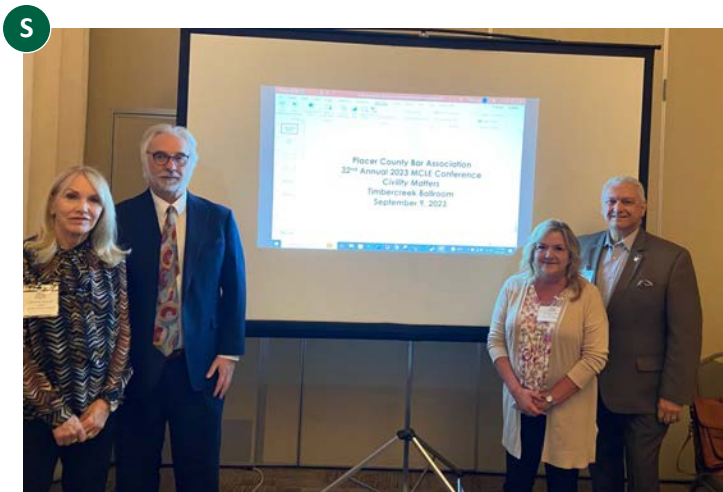
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