

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Sabrina H. Strong*

After seven years on ABTL's Board, I am extremely honored to accept the "baton pass" from our outgoing President, Michael McNamara. Mike has been nothing short of extraordinary, and his contributions to ABTL—dating back to my first year on the Board—are countless and invaluable. I will endeavor to carry out my year as President with the same enthusiasm and energy as Mike and to carry on the many ABTL traditions set by those who served before us.

I am confident that our ABTL Chapter will have another tremendously successful year. The lawyers, judges, and justices serving on our Board and Judicial Advisory Council are motivated, committed, and focused on working together to provide top-notch programming, to prioritize civility within our profession, and to reach and train newer lawyers and the students of our local law schools. Our Young Lawyers Division is thriving, establishing fresh traditions for the benefit of recently-admitted practitioners that we hope will be embraced for years to come. And our general membership continues to grow, reaching an all-time high of over 2,200 members.

In today's hectic and often impersonal environment, where many of us try to stay current by monitoring an endless stream of posts and feeds, ABTL's mission is more important than ever. I am extremely grateful to serve alongside my fellow Executive Board members, including Valerie Goo (Vice President), Susan Leader (Treasurer), and Manuel Cachán (Secretary); the many Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs who devote countless hours to delivering valuable resources for our members; and all members of the full Board, Judicial Advisory Council, and Young Lawyers Division. We remain committed to encouraging a thoughtful exchange between the bench and the bar and to fostering meaningful connections throughout our legal community—plaintiff and defense lawyers, "big law" and boutique firms, practitioners from Downtown and the Westside.

Ultimately, our ability to promote camaraderie and respect within our profession requires participation. We look forward to seeing you at our annual seminar in Hawaii and at our lunch and dinner programs throughout the year. Please introduce yourselves; make connections; and enjoy spending time with old and new friends.

I look forward to continuing on this journey with you.

*Sincerely,*  
**Sabrina H. Strong**  
**ABTL President, 2018-2019**