

# ABC Update

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## ABC Names 2018 Officers, Directors and Emeritus Director

The American Board of Certification (ABC) held its annual meeting in early December at the La Quinta Resort & Club in Palm Springs, Calif., during ABI's Winter Leadership Conference. The following were elected to the 2018 Executive Committee:

- **Craig M. Geno** (Law Offices of Craig M. Geno, PLLC; Ridgeland, Miss.) as chair;
- **J. Scott Bovitz** (Bovitz & Spitzer; Los Angeles) as president;
- **Robert C. Furr** (Furr & Cohen, PA; Boca Raton, Fla.) as president-elect and general counsel;
- **Kirk B. Burkley** (Bernstein-Burkley, PC; Pittsburgh) as treasurer;
- **Patricia B. Fugée** (FisherBroyles, LLP; Perrysburg, Ohio) as secretary;
- **Donna T. Parkinson** (Parkinson Phinney; Sacramento) as the ABI representative at large;
- **Robert L. Pollak** (Glassberg, Pollak & Associates; San Rafael, Calif.) as the CLLA representative at large;
- **Prof. Laura B. Bartell** (Wayne State University School of Law; Detroit) as dean of faculty;
- **Mary Beth Ausbrooks** (Rothschild & Ausbrooks, PLLC; Nashville, Tenn.) as chair of the Standards Committee;
- **H. Jason Gold** (Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP; Washington, D.C.) as vice chair of the Standards Committee;
- **Wesley H. Avery** (Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery; APC, Pasadena, Calif.) as chair of the State Bar Liaison Committee;
- **Michael D. Fielding** (Husch Blackwell LLP, Kansas City, Mo.) as chair of the Marketing Committee; and

- **Mark A. Craige** (Crowe & Dunlevy, PC; Tulsa, Okla.) as chair of the Technology Committee.

ABC congratulates its newly elected directors, who will serve three-year terms: **Ethan J. Birnberg** (Lindquist & Vennum LLP; Denver); **Holly Estes** (Estes Law, PC; Reno, Nev.); **Mark E. Felger** (Cozen O'Connor; Wilmington, Del.); **Kristina M. Johnson** (Jones Walker LLP, Jackson, Miss.); and **Aaron A. Wernick** (Furr & Cohen, PA; Boca Raton, Fla.).

Former ABC officers and directors may be recognized for their past exemplary service to the ABC with an honorary lifetime appointment to the ABC Board of Directors. **Michael P. Horan** (Trenam Law; St. Petersburg, Fla.) has been named an emeritus director.

In addition, Prof. Linda Coco (Barry University; Orlando, Fla.) and Prof. Robert Cooper (Rutgers University; Camden, N.J.) are new appointees to the ABC Faculty Committee.

Finally, outgoing chair **Walter J. Greenhalgh** (Duane Morris LLP; Newark, N.J.) was recognized for his many years of service to the ABC.

Nominations for board membership are made each fall. ABC attorneys who are interested in serving on the board of directors can contact Mr. Geno at [cmgeno@cmgenolaw.com](mailto:cmgeno@cmgenolaw.com) or ABC Executive Director **Kristin L. Delfs** at [director@abcworld.org](mailto:director@abcworld.org) for more information.

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### Side Bar: 2018 ABC Exam Schedule for ABI Conferences

Exam Date	Event/Location	Registration Deadline
April 19, 2018	<b>ABI Annual Spring Meeting</b> Marriott Marquis • Washington, D.C.	April 5, 2018
July 11, 2018	<b>ABI Northeast Conference &amp; Consumer Forum</b> Stowe Mountain Lodge • Stowe, Vt.	June 27, 2018
Dec. 6, 2018	<b>ABI Winter Leadership Conference</b> Fairmont Scottsdale Princess • Scottsdale, Ariz.	Nov. 22, 2018

All exams begin at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Arrive to the exam room no later than 8:45 a.m. To register for these conferences, visit [abi.org/events](http://abi.org/events). For more information, visit [abcworld.org](http://abcworld.org) or contact ABC Executive Director Kristin L. Delfs at [director@abcworld.org](mailto:director@abcworld.org).