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## **Commercial Law League and IACC 2018 National Convention and Spring Meeting a Success. Robert A. Bernstein awarded 2018 CLLA President's Cup**

Rolling Meadows, IL 6/19/18 — The Commercial Law League of America (CLLA), in collaboration with the International Association of Commercial Collectors (IACC), held their third annual joint meeting at The CLLA 124<sup>th</sup> National Convention & The 187<sup>th</sup> Chicago Spring Meeting on June 6-9, 2018. Over 190 attendees explored the multi-tracked, education event covering topics in bankruptcy, credit rights, complex litigation, legislation and collections and laws and procedures. The joint meeting was held at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile where members were awarded education credits, and offered opportunities for networking onsite and through planned social events.

During the meeting, Lorna Walker, Sweet & Walker, PC, San Francisco, CA was sworn in as President of the CLLA. Walker is only the third woman to be named to this position.

### **Commercial Law League Names Robert A. Bernstein as 2018 President's Cup Award Winner**

The Commercial Law League of America has named Robert A. Bernstein as the 2018 President's Cup award recipient.

Bobby Bernstein is a 1980 cum laude graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in Business Administration, and a 1983 cum laude graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. While in law school, Bobby was a member of the University of South Carolina Law Review, and was appointed to The Order of the Coif and the Order of Wig and Robe Honor Societies. Following law school, Bobby served two years as a law clerk for United States District Judge Clyde H. Hamilton, and began private practice in 1985 in Columbia, South Carolina with the law firm of Turner, Padgett Graham and Laney. While in Columbia, Bobby was active with the South Carolina Bar, serving on the Practice and Procedure Committee and authoring the Advertising section of South Carolina Jurisprudence. Bobby was also active in the community, serving several times as a board member for the Spring Valley Rotary Club, and earning the Rotarian of the Year award from the Club in 1989.

Bobby returned to Charleston, South Carolina to practice law in 1992. Bobby has remained active with the South Carolina Bar while in Charleston, serving as an attorney member of Board of Grievances and Discipline and, later, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel from 1994 through 2004. Bobby served several terms on the Executive Committee of the Charleston County Bar Association, and served as President of the Charleston County Bar Association in 2012. He has served on the Board of his synagogue, and has served as President of the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant, being awarded the Service Above Self Award and serving as President from 2000-2001.

Bobby joined the CLLA when he started practicing in Charleston in 1992. Bobby has served on the Executive Council of the Southern Region and of the Creditors' Rights Section, serving a year as chair of each section. Bobby has served four years on the Board of the CLLA, and has served on numerous Committees of the CLLA.



President's Cup winners are selected by a special committee comprised of the CLLA board members, a previous President's Cup recipient and a member of the American Lawyers Quarterly law firm directory.

Lorna Walker commented, "I have had the privilege of knowing Bobby for many years through the CLLA and appreciate his long-time support of the League. Bobby is highly respected in our industry and is the consummate example of what a commercial lawyer is, and should be. Congratulations, Bobby, for being the well-deserved recipient of this year's President's Cup!"

The CLLA presented the award to Bernstein during the Awards Luncheon held at the June 6-9, 2018 meeting. Since 1964, the award has been presented to a CLLA member who has shown outstanding service to the organization, in addition to leading a respected personal and professional life.

#### **About the CLLA**

Since 1895, the not-for-profit Commercial Law League of America has connected experienced attorneys with credit grantors, lending institutions and other commercial credit, bankruptcy and general finance industry members through networking, education, legislative advocacy and specialized legal services. The association's members include attorneys, collection agencies, judges, accountants, trustees, turnaround managers and other credit and finance experts. For more information on the CLLA, please visit [www.CLLA.org](http://www.CLLA.org).

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