

CCA College of Commercial Arbitrators®

25TH ANNUAL MEETING



OCTOBER 23-25, 2025
THE SILVERADO RESORT & SPA
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open at Silverado Resort & Spa Mansion
Check in to receive your badge and meeting materials.

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch for Board Meeting Attendees

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting of CCA Board of Directors

President *Dana Welch* and President-Elect *Stephen Strick* will preside over the CCA's Board Meeting. All Fellows are welcome and encouraged to attend. *Advance RSVP required during registration.*

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

<u>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</u>	<u>4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</u>
Associates	International
Construction	Public Policy
Education	Recruitment/Membership
Ethics	Social Media/Website
Professoriate	
Technology	

(*Breakout rooms may be available onsite for additional committee meetings.)

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception & Dinner at Silverado Resort

Fellows and their registered guests will reconnect with colleagues in the stunning surroundings of the Napa Valley. Dinner will feature the introduction of the CCA Class of 2025. (Dress code: dressy casual.) *Advance RSVPs are required during registration.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Fellows' Breakfast

All Fellows and their registered guests are invited to breakfast.

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Class of 2025 Fellows' Orientation Breakfast

All new Fellows are invited to attend. The CCA Executive Committee and Committee chairs will share information and answer questions about the College and its activities. All CCA Fellows are welcome and encouraged to attend.

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Break

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome & President's Comments

President *Dana Welch* will open the meeting, providing an overview of the state of the CCA.

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary #1 – Best Practices and New Ideas in Case Management

We all face the same thorny issues in case management. How do we control bad behavior? What if both parties want summary judgment but we think a hearing is needed? Suppose both sides have agreed on extensive discovery? More fundamentally, has high-stakes commercial arbitration become private federal court style litigation, and if this is what parties want, how should we respond?

Moderator: *Nancy F. Lesser*, Washington, DC

Presenters: *Hon. Timothy K. Lewis (ret.)*, Pittsburgh, PA

Skip Netzorg, Denver, CO

Michael D. Young, New York, NY

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Plenary #2 – Moving Beyond Liability: Challenges with Damages

Too often parties focus on liability and all but ignore damages. This panel will address managing damages at various stages of the proceeding as well as strategies for handling difficult categories of damages, expert testimony, and other areas where caution is needed to protect the award from post-award challenges.

Moderator: *Bill Crosby, Jr.*, New York, NY

Presenters: *Deborah B. Mastin*, Miami, FL

Andrew D. Ness, Washington, DC

Gilda R. Turitz, Greenbrae, CA

12:00 Noon – 12:15 p.m.

Break

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Fellows' Luncheon

Enjoy lunch *al fresco* and reconnect with old friends, meet new Fellows, and relax.

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Plenary #3 – Vexing Threshold Issues: Getting to the Gate and Running the Race

Before we reach the merits, numerous threshold issues often present themselves. How do we handle objections to jurisdiction and arbitrability? What if the parties disagree about choice of law and procedure? How do we decide if the FAA or a state statute applies, and what are the implications? How do we consider and address requests for interim relief?

Moderator: *Grant Hanessian*, Brooklyn, NY

Panelists: *Theo Cheng*, Princeton Junction, NJ

Sherman Kahn, New York, NY

Penn Payne, Atlanta, GA

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Plenary #4 – The Challenges of Panel Dynamics: Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

We've all been there. A chair without management skills or who believes that it is her/his case alone. A wing who believes he/she should be chair. Fundamental disagreements about the merits of a case. Overbilling by a wing (or a chair). How do we ensure cohesion and integrity of the Tribunal?

Moderator: *Stephanie Cohen*, Brooklyn, NY

Panelists: *Paul B. Klaas*, Minneapolis, MN

Myra C. Selby, Indianapolis, IN

Susan S. Soussan, Houston, TX

5:00 p.m.

Sessions Adjourn

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Small Group Dinners Arranged by Fellows

We are organizing small group dinners at a wide array of wonderful restaurants in the Napa Valley. Each will be led by a member of the Board of Directors. Once you sign up for a small group Friday night dinner, you (and your registered guest) will be randomly assigned to a group. The big idea? Connect with Fellows you don't know and reconnect with those you do. Of course, you are welcome to dine on your own or organize your own small group. *Advance RSVPs are required during registration.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Fellows' Breakfast

All Fellows and their registered guests are invited to breakfast.

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

The President's Breakfast

Presented by *Dean George Triantis*, Stanford Law School: "The Rule of Law and Community and Belonging" in higher education in the current educational, social, and political environment. All Fellows are encouraged and invited to attend.

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Break

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Plenary #5 – Case Update: How Would You Decide?

Our annual update will highlight the most significant decisions in arbitration in the last year and ask you: How would you have decided the case? Did the court get it wrong?

Presenters: *Deborah A. Coleman*, Cleveland, OH

Steven Skulnik, New York, NY

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Plenary #6 – ADR Ethics Practicum (1.50 hours ethics)

In its 15th year, this interactive Practicum will consider challenging ethical issues that arise from a case study developed from actual cases. Materials will be distributed in advance and Fellows assigned to a small group. Each small group should be prepared to decide how they would resolve the issues and come prepared to discuss their analyses at the Practicum.

Facilitator: *Eugene I. Farber*, White Plains, NY

12:00 Noon

Sessions Adjourn

12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pick Your Pleasure - Afternoon Activities for All

You may decide you want to just relax, play golf, hike or bike, go to the spa, hang out at the pool, or chat with friends on the Silverado deck. Or you may decide to participate in one of the group activities we've arranged. *See next page for activity options and details. Availability is limited and group minimums or maximums may apply. Register ASAP to reserve your spot!*

***Pre-Purchase a Box Lunch-To-Go**

In a hurry? Grab a quick bite before your afternoon event begins.

Cost is \$40 per person. Available for pickup beginning at 12:00 Noon. Please pre-purchase your box lunch on the registration form. Boxed lunches cannot be purchased onsite.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception and Dinner at the Culinary Institute at Greystone, St. Helena

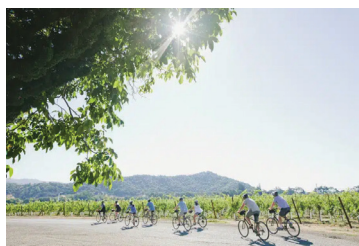
Board the bus at 5:30 p.m. to the Culinary Institute at Greystone. The Culinary Institute in St. Helena not only provides education for aspiring young chefs – it offers farm-to-table dining in an exquisite environment. We'll be in the Barrel Room of the 1888 building, formerly the home of the Christian Brothers Winery. All Fellows and their registered guests are invited to attend. Dress is cocktail attire. **Advance RSVPs are required during registration.**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Guided Bike Tour of Scenic Yountville

(Optional Ticketed Event)



Immerse yourself in the spectacular scenery of the Napa Valley on this guided bike tour. Designed to be leisurely yet provide the opportunity to get some exercise while learning about the history of the Valley.

The three-hour tour includes ~30 minutes for fittings and instruction. Dress is casual/comfortable with shorts and closed-toe shoes recommended. Meet in the Resort lobby at 12:50 p.m. The bus will depart at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

The fee is \$140 per person for a Cruiser Bike or \$175 per person for an E-Bike, and includes bus transportation to and from the tour, rental bike & helmet, gel seat cushion, a handlebar bag to hold your wallet, phone, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc., bottled water and tour guide. Lunch is on your own so please consider pre-purchasing the separate box lunch-to-go. Bike-type selection and the participant's name and height measurement are required at the time of registration. Advance registration required. (The group minimum is 13. Tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis.)



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Pickleball Tournament *(Optional Ticketed Event)*

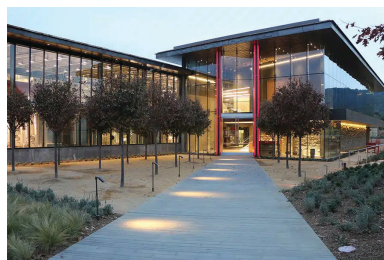
We've reserved three courts for a tournament that's becoming an annual tradition for pickleball aficionados. Space is limited to 16 players, so reserve your spot early! The tournament will be held onsite at the Silverado Resort pickleball courts. **Cost is \$50 per person. Lunch is on your own. Advance registration is required on the registration form.**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

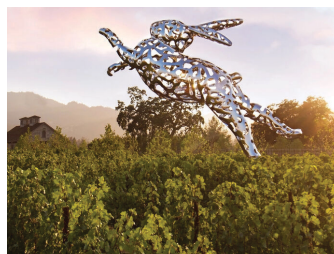
Hall Wines Private Tour & Bus Transportation

(Optional Ticketed Event)



Family-owned Hall Wines is famous for its Cabernet Sauvignons. Its winery is also known for a stunning art collection and unique architecture. We've arranged for a private tour and tasting

with light food accompaniment. Hall's wine educator will share the family's vision, winemaking philosophy, the history of the winery, and tour the buildings, art collection, and vineyards. The 90-minute tour will conclude with a seated tasting of Hall's award-winning Cabernets.



Meet in the Resort lobby at 1:10 p.m. The bus will depart at 1:15 p.m. sharp for the ~30 minute ride to the winery for the 2:00 p.m. tour. The return bus will depart the winery at 4:00 p.m. to return to the hotel by 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$125 per person. (The group maximum for the bus is 50. Tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis.) Lunch is on your own so please consider pre-purchasing the separate box lunch-to-go. Advance registration is required on the registration form.



SPOUSE/GUEST PROGRAM & OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registered guests enjoy welcome reception & dinner at Silverado Resort with Fellows

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 – 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Registered guests enjoy breakfast with the Fellows

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registered guests are encouraged to join Fellows at the optional small group dinners

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Registered guests enjoy breakfast with the Fellows

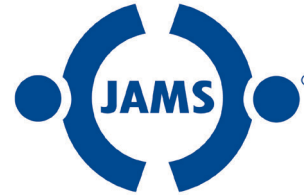
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registered guests enjoy cocktail reception & dinner with Fellows at the Culinary Institute at Greystone, St. Helena

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Slido: Some of the plenaries will be using the Slido App for voting. Registrants will be provided a participant code prior to the event and encouraged to download the application onto their device for use during the plenary sessions. For more on Slido, visit <https://www.slido.com/>.

Hotel: For the convenience of conference registrants, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Silverado Resort & Spa, 1600 Atlas Peak Road, Napa, CA 94558. Please reserve your room by calling +1 (800) 532-0500 and asking for the College of Commercial Arbitrators group rate or visit <https://tinyurl.com/CCA25Hotel> to book your reservation online. **To ensure availability please make your reservation as soon as possible. The reservation deadline is September 19, 2025.** After that date, or when the room block is exhausted, the hotel will assign rooms on a space and rate available basis only. The conference rates range from \$429 plus tax (standard Mansion or Cottage room) up to \$509 plus tax (1-bedroom suite.) A \$35+tax/night resort fee covers self-parking, wi-fi internet access in meeting and guest rooms throughout the property, unlimited local/toll-free calls from your room, in-room coffee/tea, tennis courts, access to the fitness facility and fitness classes, golf bag storage and property-wide transportation. A one-night deposit is required at the time of reservation. Please note in the event of room cancellation, the deposit is refundable if notice is received by the hotel at least 7 days prior to arrival. Cancellations within 7 days of arrival will incur a cancellation fee equal to the full length of stay.

Airport & Transportation: The closest regional airport is the Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa (STS) ~45 miles (60-minute drive) from the Silverado Resort. The closest major airports are the Oakland International Airport (OAK) ~55 miles (80-minute drive), San Francisco International Airport (SFO) ~63 miles (100-minute drive) or the Sacramento International Airport (SMF) ~67 miles (80-minute drive). Rideshares from the major airports are estimated at \$100-130 each way and taxi fare at ~\$180+ each way. Private shuttle service and rental car services are also available at the major airports.

Parking: Self-parking is complimentary for resort guests and included in the daily resort fee.

Activities: There is so much to do in Napa Valley. Wineries, biking, hot air balloon rides, shopping, art galleries, hiking, it's all there. Visit <https://www.napaalley.com/thingstodo/> or <https://www.visitnapavalley.com/> for more information.

MCLE Credit: This program has been approved for 8.25 hours of MCLE credit (1.50 hours ethics) in the State of Texas. Applications have been filed and are pending in other select states. Approved credit hours may vary by state. Full MCLE information will be available at registration.

Online Registration: Visit www.CCArbitrators.org and log in to the Fellows Dashboard to register online and pay by credit or debit card.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF COMMERCIAL ARBITRATORS

Established in 2001, the College of Commercial Arbitrators is a national organization of commercial arbitrators providing a meaningful contribution to the profession, the public and the businesses and lawyers who depend on commercial arbitration as a primary means of dispute resolution.

The CCA promotes the highest standards of conduct, professionalism and ethical practice, develops “best practices,” and provides peer training and professional development.

The CCA provides interaction and communication in the profession, and offers an easy means to identify those individuals whose professional training and experience qualify them to undertake the most complex and difficult arbitration assignments.



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Napa, California

As the largest town in Napa Valley, the City of Napa is a destination in its own right. Downtown, in particular, is home to locally driven restaurants, hip wine tasting rooms, music venues, whimsical works of art, and so much more. Situated a few minutes off the famed Silverado Trail and set on 1,200 acres of fairways, swimming pools, and tennis courts, Silverado Resort's blend of century-old heritage and contemporary sport creates a unique experience for all. Enjoy a reprieve from the every day in this charming, present-day playground that combines luxurious accommodations and meeting facilities with endless recreational possibilities, including two PGA championship golf courses, an award-winning tennis program, and a full-service spa.

This venue, combined with top-notch educational programming and diverse networking opportunities, ensures that the CCA 2025 Annual Meeting will be one you don't want to miss!

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October 23-25, 2025 ♦ Napa, CA

MEETING REGISTRATION

Please submit your meeting registration and payment by September 19, 2025. Please see below for the cancellation policy. Hotel reservation information can be found in the brochure under "General Information."

Register online at www.CCArbitrators.org or by sending the completed registration form & payment to:

CCA 25th Annual Meeting
P.O. Box 4646
Austin, TX 78765

Phone: (512) 372-8350
Fax: (512) 451-2911
Email: info@CCArbitrators.org

☐ **Fellows Regular Registration** (received by September 19, 2025) \$1,195.00

☐ **Fellows Late Registration** (received after September 19, 2025 and by October 10, 2025)..... \$1,245.00

☐ **Fellows Door Registration** (received after October 10, 2025 or at the door)..... \$1,295.00

☐ **Conference Materials:** Materials on USB drive are included with your conference registration.

You may purchase the printed binder of conference materials for an additional \$50.00..... \$_____

☐ **Spouse/Guest Registration*: Print Name:** _____ \$595.00

(*Includes Thursday Reception & Dinner, Saturday Reception & Dinner, and Friday and Saturday Breakfasts.)

➤ *RSVPs and Optional Events must be reserved in advance and may be subject to group minimums and/or maximums.*

---RSVPs---

☐ **THU: CCA Board Lunch:** Advance RSVP Required

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☐ **Fellow RSVP for Thursday Night Dinner**

☐ **Spouse/Guest RSVP for Thursday Night Dinner**

☐ **Fellow RSVP for Saturday Night Dinner**

☐ **Spouse/Guest RSVP for Saturday Night Dinner**

Optional Events

☐ **Fellow RSVP for Friday Night Small Group Dinners**

☐ **Spouse/Guest RSVP for Friday Night Group Dinners**

☐ **SAT: Pre-Purchase Box Lunch** \$40 x ____ = \$_____

☐ ***SAT: Guided Bike Tour (Cruiser)** \$140 x ____ = \$_____

☐ ***SAT: Guided Bike Tour (E-Bike)** \$175 x ____ = \$_____

☐ **SAT: Pickleball Tournament** \$50 x ____ = \$_____

☐ **SAT: Hall Wines Tour + Bus** \$125 x ____ = \$_____

I cannot attend the annual meeting. I would like to purchase the following:

☐ **Written Meeting Materials. Select one:** ☐ Binder ☐ USB Drive.....\$ 50.00

*Bike Tour Name: _____

*Height (Feet/Inches): _____

Total Enclosed..... \$_____

Name: _____

Company/Firm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please List Any Special Needs/Dietary Requests: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Please make your check payable to **College of Commercial Arbitrators**

Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Security Code _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address (Street+C/S/Z) _____

Refunds less a \$50 processing fee will be granted to registrants who cancel on or before 30 days prior to the first day of the meeting. If notice is received after that time and before 7 days prior to the first day of the meeting, refunds will be granted less a \$150 processing fee. No refunds will be granted thereafter.