



Marin CASA Board of Directors

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John Botti, Chair

John has been a CASA since Oct 2008 and has worked with 5 different boys. He was a founder of Marin CASA in 2017 and served on the board as Treasurer from March 2017 until November 2018. He returned to the Marin CASA board as board chair in February of 2020. He has served on the board of SF Jazz since January of 2013 and has been treasurer and on the executive committee since 2017. John is also board chair at Bread and Roses (a bay area non-profit that brings music to the disenfranchised and those in need) and has served on their board since 2015. He was co-founder, managing member and portfolio manager at Botti Brown Asset management from 1995 until 2008. Founder, managing member and portfolio manager at Emrose Capital since Nov 2008 and co- Founder and co-managing member at Mt Tam Capital management since February 2010.



Richard Bernstein, Vice Chair

Richard is the Vice President of the Marin CASA board. He is a retired technology executive in both academia and the financial services sector. A long-time neighborhood activist, Richard currently serves as the Vice President of the Federation of San Rafael Neighborhoods and has volunteered with many nonprofits serving youth. Richard has lived in San Rafael for 38 years. Richard has served as CASA volunteer.



Kimberly Best, Treasurer

Kim joined the board of Marin CASA in February 2020 and was appointed Board Treasurer shortly thereafter. She has worked closely with the Executive Director and outside Accountant to help with operations and finance concerns for the company, including the annual audit and tax return, monthly and quarterly financial reporting, annual budget, human resources, and technology issues. Kim has over 20 years of experience in hedge fund operations. She has managed the operations at Mt. Tam Capital Management since 2010 and Emrose Capital since its opening in 2008. Prior to Mt. Tam and



Emrose, she was a Partner and headed administration at Botti Brown Asset Management (subsequently Spring Point Capital) from 1999-2004.



Janet Epstein, Secretary

Janet Epstein is currently retired and has held officer positions at both Charles Schwab and Morgan Stanley. As Vice President and Chief Compliance Counsel for Charles Schwab & Co., she was the primary liaison for the firm with federal and state securities regulators, including the SEC and Financial Securities Regulatory Authority (FINRA). She led teams responsible for responding to Regulatory Inquiries, Examinations at the Firm and Regulatory Complaints; and also led teams responsible for the Licensing and Registration of registered representatives. She has handled internal investigations and represented Schwab in arbitration and litigation matters. Ms. Epstein also worked on preparing various materials for the Board of Directors and on occasion counseled Board members on regulatory matters. Before joining Schwab, as Vice President in the San Francisco Law Division of Morgan Stanley, she handled arbitrations, worked on employment and securities litigation matters as well as regulatory inquiries and disciplinary matters. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley, she was an associate attorney at the law firms of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro and Graham and James. Ms. Epstein currently is a Hearing Panelist for FINRA's Office of Hearing Officers and has been a CASA Board member since 2020.



Lissa Gray

Lissa joined the Marin CASA board in September 2023. She is a graduate of UCSF School of Nursing and is a dedicated Nurse Practitioner with 20 years of experience caring for patients with cancer. She is passionate about education to encourage and empower people to participate in their own healthcare, treatment decisions, and well-being. Lissa has served on several professional nursing boards and serves on her local PTA. Lissa was born and raised in Alaska, but has been in the Bay Area since 2001. She resides in Marin.



Stephanie I. Hill

Stephanie I. Hill is manager, SMB sales at Carta. As an executive in the technology industry, Stephanie designs marketing and sales operations strategies bringing innovative solutions to market that consistently outperform client satisfaction and sales goals year after year. As a Homeless Advocate, Stephanie is an active participant of the Practice Fusion GiveBack Program that focuses on serving the homeless population in San Francisco and Oakland. Stephanie also Co-Chairs Allscripts Black Alliance Enrichment Group. Additionally, as a member of both Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and The Links Incorporated, Stephanie serves the Alameda and Contra Costa communities, through the volunteer programs of each women's organization. Stephanie holds a BS in political science with a minor in English from San Diego State University and an MBA in Marketing from Keller Graduate School of Business. Stephanie was born in Washington D.C.; however, the Bay Area has been her home since 1984.



Katie Moore

Katie has experience as a corporate attorney, recently served on the board of Church of Our Savior in Mill Valley and is active in the Mill Valley PTA. Katie is a passionate advocate for children and has a deep commitment to education advocacy.



Sally Newson

Sally is a social entrepreneur based in Marin County. As executive director of Wellify Teen, she provides free services and programs aimed at improving mental health outcomes of teens in Marin County and has built the Wellify4Teens app to provide an easy access tool for early identification of risk for mental health and substance disorders. Her newest social enterprise is Cup O'Karma, which connects systematically disadvantaged youth to opportunities to learn new skills to empower them for brighter futures.

In addition, Sally is the founder, marketing, and creative director of marketing agency Story (name changed from Nunn & Associates), that partners with major clients, such as LexisNexis, to tell brand and corporate stories through film, video, and content. Over the decades, they



have completed over a thousand marketing campaigns and projects for a variety of Fortune 500 companies.

And finally, as proprietor of Mind Tank HQ, Sally's private office communities biz, she connects and supports wonderful people who are making differences in the world through their products, services and leadership.



Mickey Sobel

A native of Marin County, Mickey is a program associate with Panagora Group in Washington D.C. He recently graduated with a Masters in International Development from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, UK.

Mickey spent 2 years in the Peace Corps, Ghana as a Community Health Extension Worker where he had the opportunity to demonstrate ability to navigate rapidly changing environments, solve problems, build partnerships, develop innovative processes and solutions, and work closely with stakeholders to meet strategic objectives and goals.



Nick Stamos

Nick Stamos is the CEO of Rakuten Advertising, responsible for providing strategic guidance and running the day-to-day operations. Nick is focused on accelerating the speed of innovation by leveraging proprietary data, advanced data science, and real-time technology. Before joining Rakuten, Nick was a consummate entrepreneur, founding companies in the Mobile Analytics and FinTech Industries and consulting CPG and retail brands. Nick was born and raised in Syracuse, New York and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management with an Economics minor from MIT.



Denise Thomas

Denise Thomas serves as the VP of Operations for Cisco’s Meraki business unit, where she’s responsible for Inclusion, Employee Experience, IT, Business Systems, Program Management, Facilities, Business and Manufacturing Operations. Before her current role, Denise served as Meraki’s Chief of Staff at Meraki and Head of People. An experienced operator, Denise played a pivotal role in enabling Meraki to grow from 300 employees to over 2,000, helping the team navigate its high growth startup stage through a successful integration as part of Cisco. Denise has held a range of roles at leading companies, including Uncommon Schools, Longs Drugs (CVS), TJX Companies, and Frito-Lay. Denise holds a BA in Economics from Yale University and an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business.

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