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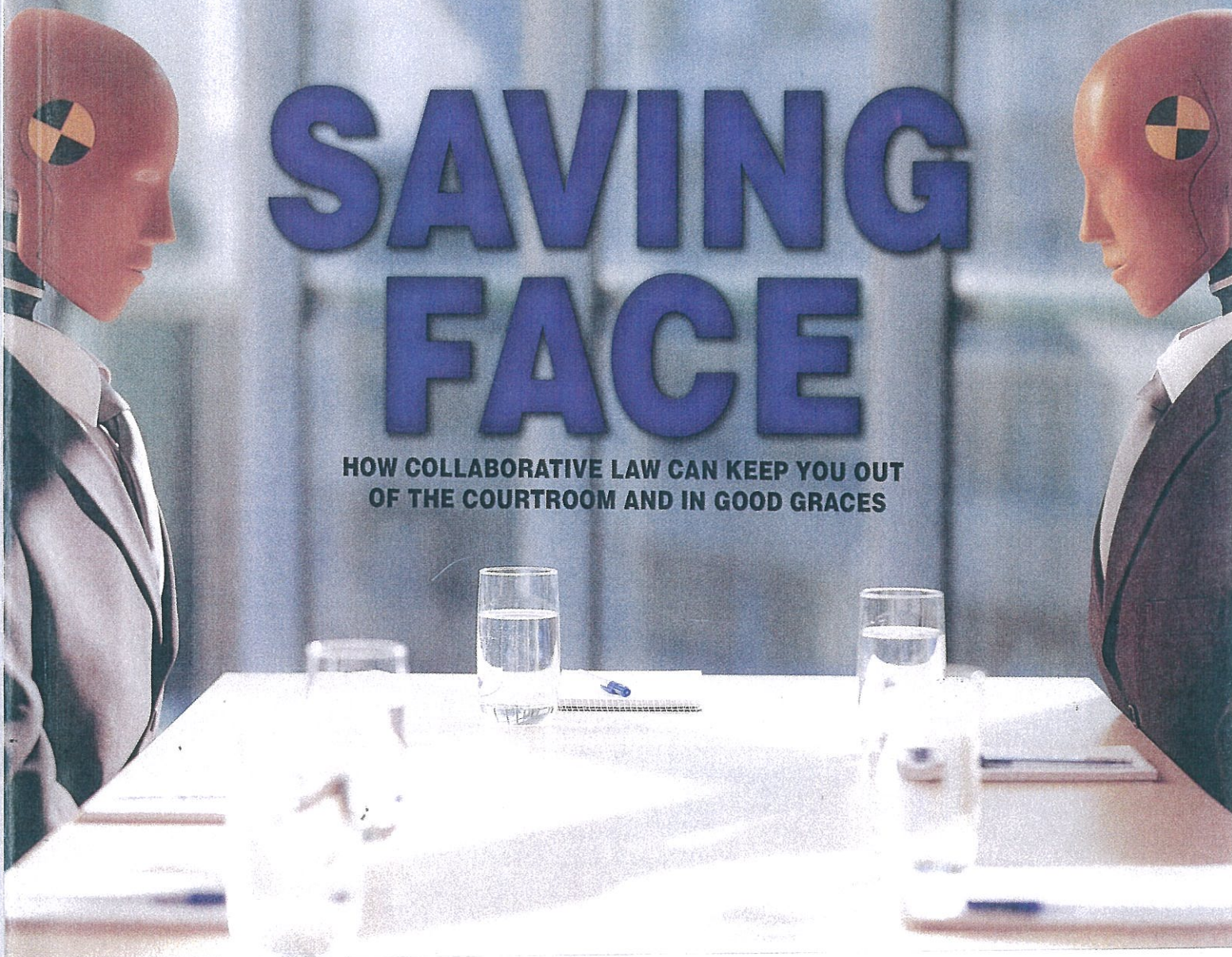
INVESTING IN  
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## SAVING FACE

HOW COLLABORATIVE LAW CAN KEEP YOU OUT  
OF THE COURTROOM AND IN GOOD GRACES

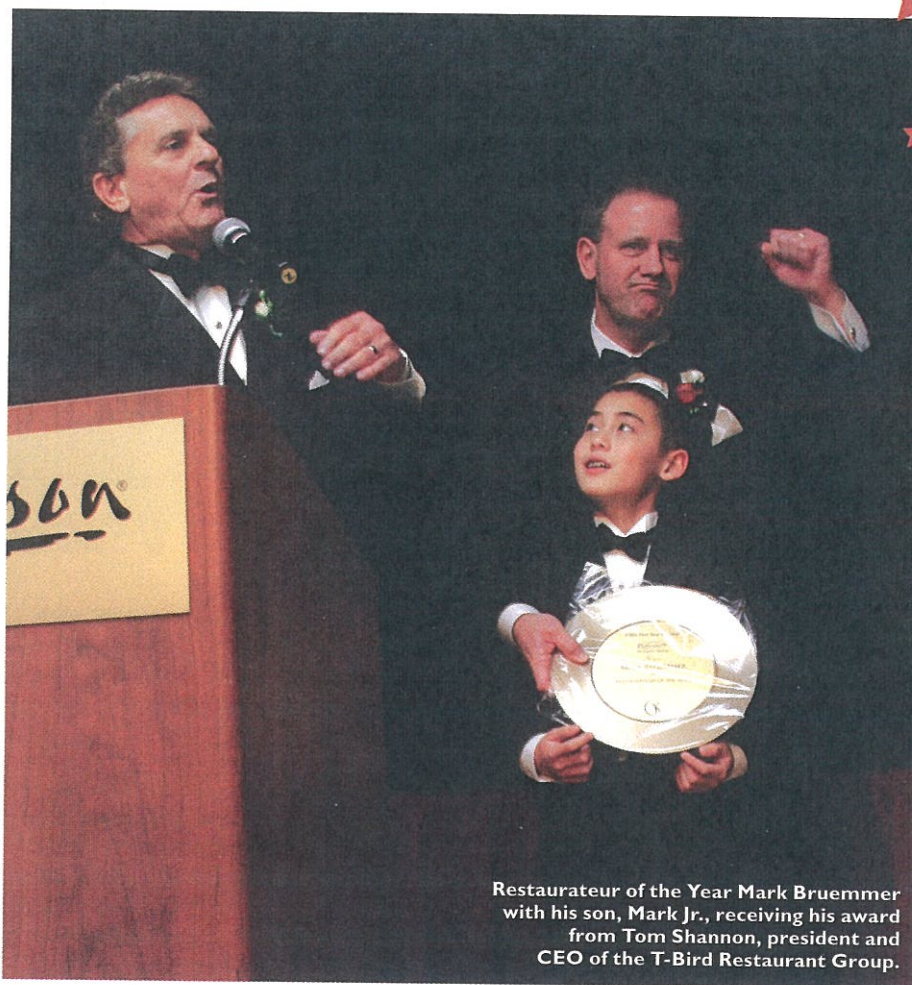






### Award Winners

- Best Bakery**  
Freeport Bakery
- Best Family/Casual Restaurant**  
Brookfields Restaurant
- Best Mexican/Southwestern**  
Centro Cocina Mexicana
- Best Bar/Brewery**  
Brew It Up!
- Best Fast Food**  
In-N-Out Burger
- Best Middle Eastern**  
The Kabob House
- Best Barbecue**  
JR's Texas Bar-B-Que
- Best Fine Dining**  
Biba
- Best New Restaurant**  
Taro's by Mikuni
- Best Café/Coffeehouse**  
Peet's Coffee & Tea
- Best French**  
La Provence
- Best Pacific Rim**  
Lemon Grass Restaurant
- Best Casino Dining**  
Austin's Steakhouse
- Best Hotel Restaurant**  
Dawson's (The Hyatt)
- Best Pizza**  
Chicago Fire
- Best Ice Cream or Yogurt**  
Cold Stone Creamery
- Best Seafood**  
Scott's Seafood Grill & Bar
- Best Catering**  
JR's Texas Bar-B-Que
- Best Italian**  
Biba Restaurant
- Best Sports Bar**  
Mandango's Sports Bar & Grill
- Best Chinese**  
Frank Fat's
- Best Japanese/Sushi**  
Mikuni
- Best Steakhouse**  
Ruth's Chris Steak House
- Best Delicatessen**  
David Berkley
- Best Mediterranean**  
The Greek Village Inn
- Vendor/Supplier of the Year**  
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Restaurateur of the Year Mark Bruemmer with his son, Mark Jr., receiving his award from Tom Shannon, president and CEO of the T-Bird Restaurant Group.

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## In Good Taste

The California Restaurant Association's Sacramento chapter hosted its annual Five Star Review awards dinner at the Sacramento Radisson. More than 500 guests attended the event, where restaurateurs honored their peers for outstanding business practices, innovative concepts and achievements.

In addition to the 26 awards given for a wide array of food service categories, the Sacramento chapter presented its most distinguished award of the evening, the coveted Restaurateur of the Year Award, to Outback Steakhouse/ T-Bird Restaurant Group Joint Venture Partner Mark Bruemmer. Bruemmer, who was praised for his 30-year career in the food service industry, was also recognized for his commitment to charity.

This year's event featured a silent auction, with proceeds benefiting the California Restaurant Association's local Scholarship Endowment Fund as well as the culinary arts and hospitality management program at American River College.



Ernesto Jimenez, president of the California Restaurant Association's Sacramento chapter and owner of Ernesto's Mexican Food and Zócalo.