Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board Statement on Frank Brass

San Francisco—Katherine Zalewski, chair of the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB), issued the following statement on the March 11 death of retired WCAB Commissioner Frank Brass:

“We pause today to mark the life and contributions of Frank Brass. Frank served as a WCAB commissioner for 17 years from 2001 to 2018, and had over 40 years of experience as an attorney specializing in workers' compensation.

“He began his practice under the tutelage of Lowell A. Airola, a founding member of the California Applicants’ Attorneys Association, and worked in distinguished law firms including Parente & Christopher and Brass & Zuckerman/Fremont Indemnity. He attended St. Ignatius High School and earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of San Francisco. Frank also served as an infantryman in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954.

“Frank was loved and respected by his colleagues at the Board and in the larger workers’ compensation community. We are all saddened by his passing.”

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