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## **Division of Workers' Compensation accepting nominations for new community service awards**

### **Awards will now be given annually as part of the DWC educational conferences**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is now accepting nominations for its new community service awards, which will be presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual educational conferences in February and March 2011.

"Over the years we've seen many champions take on extra work to support an effective workers' compensation system for injured workers and employers," said DWC acting Administrative Director Carrie Nevans. "This award is our way of publicly acknowledging how important that work is and showing how much we value those extra efforts."

Nominations should be made for those who have made a significant contribution to the betterment of the workers' compensation system by demonstrating exceptional service to the workers' compensation community in the highest professional manner. DWC will evaluate the nominations and honor one Southern California recipient in Los Angeles and another Northern California recipient in Oakland during an award ceremony at the educational conference luncheons. The awards will be presented annually.

Attorney Robert Rassp received the first community service award at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual educational conference in recognition of his efforts as "an exemplary educator and volunteer." Rassp has been educating the workers' compensation community on Medicare set-asides, the American Medical Association (AMA) guides and substantial evidence for many years and, in 2009, gave seven full days from his busy private practice to train and educate the workers' compensation community.

Nominations must be submitted using the DWC [nomination form](#) and must be sent to [wso@dir.ca.gov](mailto:wso@dir.ca.gov) by Jan. 14, 2011.

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