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THE INJURED WORKER ADVOCATE



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Former Governor, Secretary of State, Oakland Mayor, Current Attorney General & gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown & Dirk Stemmerman, Beverly Hills, CA, Feb. 2010

WE HELP INJURED PEOPLE

With offices in Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville, & Santa Cruz, we have served Monterey Bay workers for over 35 years. Strong community ties & tenacity in fighting for injured people has lead to the creation of one of the largest law firms in the state devoted to helping injured workers.



Pictured Left to right: Dirk Stemmerman; Speaker of the California Assembly John Perez & Todd McFarren, Rancho Mirage, CA, January 2010

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With offices in Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville, and Santa Cruz, the law firm of Rucka, O'Boyle, Lombardo & McKenna has represented employees throughout the Monterey Bay Region of California for over 35 years in workers' compensation matters. We also accept payments with www.cca.org and www.cca.org.

Our strong ties to the community and dedication to the representation of injured workers has earned us one of the highest firms in the state devoted to the area of law. With nearly 200 years of combined legal experience, our attorneys have the skills and expertise to handle a wide range of legal issues involving a workplace injury. Our team of seasoned lawyers boasts the former Presidents of the California Injured Workers Association, an organization dedicated to protecting injured workers' rights, and seven specialists in Workers' Compensation Law, as certified by the California Board of Legal Specialization. As a member of the firm supporting the local legal community, we are the recipients of the California "Top 100" award, signifying exceptional levels of professionalism and ethical standards.

If you or a loved one has been injured in a workplace or other accident, we are here to help. For the convenience of our clients, we offer same-day appointments and services in Spanish. To schedule a free initial consultation, contact Rucka, O'Boyle, Lombardo & McKenna today.

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UNABLE TO WORK? SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

If you have been unable to work for nine months or longer, you may be eligible for Social Security benefits consisting of monthly payments and Medicare coverage 24 months after found disabled. If you think you are entitled to benefits, contact an attorney at Rucka, O'Boyle, Lombardo & McKenna for a free consultation. As about two-thirds of initial applications are denied, most cases will require a hearing before a Federal Judge who will decide your case and you should have an attorney.

GOVERNOR IGNORES LAW REQUIRING DISABILITY COMPENSATION INCREASE TO BENEFIT INSURANCE COMPANIES

Governor Schwarzenegger recently announced that he will ignore the law requiring permanent disability compensation be updated by January 1, 2010. The administration's workers' compensation changes have delivered tens of billions of dollars to insurance companies while injured workers have lost medical care. Compensation for permanent disabilities ranks among the lowest in the nation.

Studies consistently show that Schwarzenegger's cuts reduced permanent disability benefits as much as 70%. Labor Code Section 4660(c) requires that the disability rating system be amended before January 1, 2010.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA):

provides certain employees up to 12 weeks unpaid, job-protected leave per year; requires health benefits be maintained during leave. **STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE (SDI):** provides partial wage replacement for up to one year for eligible disabled workers.



Pictured L-R: Dirk Stemmerman, Maya Soetoro-Ng (Pres. Obama's Sister), Assemblyman Bill Moming, 27th Dist., & Alfred Lombardo, Carmel, CA, 2009