

# Special Recognition

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*All of Worksafe's accomplishments in ensuring workers the right to a healthy and safe work environment would not have been possible without the life-long contributions made by our founders and board members. Worksafe would like to give special recognition to the following leaders for their outstanding service, commitment, and dedication to Worksafe prior to and since its inception, and who continue to support our mission to protect workers' health and safety rights.*

## **Denise Abrams** JD PhD

*Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California (J.D., 1986); University of Rhode Island (B.A., 1972); University of Maryland (M.A., 1975, Ph.D., 1983.)*



Denise Abrams was a partner in the Kazan McClain Law Firm for 15 years before becoming Of Counsel to the firm. Before law school, Denise taught sociology and women's studies at the University of Maryland and Antioch College in Ohio. However, she wanted her work to benefit people more directly than she felt was possible as an academic, and this led her to the practice of law.

Denise joined The Kazan Firm as a law clerk in 1984 and subsequently became an associate and then principal. She is a member of Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, the National Lawyers Guild, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Consumers Attorneys of California, the State Bar of California, the American Bar Association, and the Alameda-Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Association (Member of Board of Governors in 1990).

In 1991, Denise became Chairperson of the Board of the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health (SCCOSH), a predecessor of Worksafe. She is currently Treasurer of the Worksafe Board of Directors. Denise also serves on the Boards of the East Bay Community Law Center, and the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies.

## **Patty Quinlan** MPH CIH

*University of California Berkeley School of Public Health (MPH, 1982); University of New Hampshire (B.A., 1973).*



Patty Quinlan is an Industrial Hygienist in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University

of California San Francisco and Deputy Director of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at UC Berkeley. In addition to her teaching and research projects, she is involved in clinical work at the UC Occupational Health Clinic and various community service projects.

Before coming to UCSF, Patty worked as an industrial hygienist for the Labor Occupational Health Program at UC Berkeley. She was one of the founding members of BACOSH in the 1980s, a predecessor to SCCOSH, CalCOSH, and ultimately Worksafe. She has served on numerous Cal/OSHA committees, including the Cal/OSHA 5155 Air Contaminants Committee, and is currently a member of the Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee. She is also active in the Industrial Hygiene Committee of the Occupational Health Section of the APHA. Patty was recently appointed by Governor Brown to serve on the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.