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**JUDY DIAZ RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF TOP 50 BUSINESS WOMEN
BY THE PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS TIMES**

VENTURA, CA – (April 20, 2007) – Judy Diaz has been recognized by the Pacific Coast Business Times as one of the top 50 outstanding women business leaders in the Tri-County area. The second annual “Top 50 Women in Business” special issue, which came out on April 5, recognizes an emerging trend in the corporate landscape as more companies employ women in senior management positions.

A TWIW partner and 30-year veteran of the insurance industry, Judy helped passed legislation reform as a technical advisor on the Ventura Chamber of Commerce’s Workers’ Compensation Reform Task Force and is actively involved in several community and charitable programs. Judy was in the running with close to 100 nominees whose names were submitted from companies throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties that crossed a number of industry sectors, including banking, law, education, nonprofit and service organizations.

“The number of nominations made our task extremely difficult,” said Henry Dubroff, editor of the Pacific Coast Business Times. To select the final 50, Dubroff and his editorial staff looked for women business owners and CEOs/COOs at their respective organizations and women in senior management positions who were leaders in their community. They also considered the nominees’ length of service in a senior role and their organization’s role the community.

Judy and the other honorees were recognized during an awards ceremony at the Fess Parker DoubleTree Resort in Santa Barbara, where TWIW Partner David Shore addressed the crowd with some opening remarks.

“Everyone here knows that gender isn’t a compelling trait of a successful business person. It’s integrity, intelligence, the ability to forge relationships and facilitate them among others, exhibiting grace under pressure,” said Shore. “I suspect these are characteristics shared by all of our honorees, and I know first hand that they exemplify one of my colleagues. We’ve always known, as have her clients, that Judy Diaz is a stellar businessperson, so it’s nice to share her success with the rest of the tri-county business community.”

Judy is active in the Ventura Downtown Lions Club, Ventura County Chamber of Commerce, Ventura County Wildlife Rescue, Interface Children Family Services, and the UCSB Economic Forecast Project and is a frequent speaker at seminars and workshops. She also speaks to high school students in the AVID program, an academic support program that prepares academically average minority, rural and low-income students for college eligibility and success. An expert in Workers’ Compensation, Judy was the youngest person to pass the California Workers’ Compensation Self-Insured Administrators exam.