

SBA Honors Local Businessman

HB Magazine congratulates Mike Grumet of the Huntington Beach-based Mike Grumet Insurance Services on being named a 2008 California "Small Business of the Year."

On May 28, Assemblyman Jim Silva honored Mike Grumet Insurance Services Inc. as the Small Business of the Year for the 67th Assembly District at an annual ceremony hosted by the California Small Business Association to recognize small businesses in the state that are improving the economy and making a difference in their communities.

"Not only has Mike built a business that has helped secure the lives of hundreds of people, but he is also a dedicated community volunteer who has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for various organizations in Orange County," said Silva on his nomination of Mike Grumet Insurance Services.

Founded in 1992, Mike Grumet Insurance Services handles everything from group medical and employee benefits to life, health and disability insurance, as well as retirement funding. It



also helps families and business owners maximize their assets by coordinating business continuation and estate plans.

"I am extremely honored to receive this award," says Grumet. "I credit the success I've achieved to my late wife Heidi and my assistant Kitty Van.

"Heidi for her patience and sacrifice during the seven years it took for me to find the formula to serve as the foundation for a successful agency.

"I was deeply depressed and didn't work at all for the year after her passing...during which time Kitty completely serviced my accounts and continued to grow the business in my absence."

Grumet adds that the "true blessing" of his success is that it has afforded him the opportunity to give back in the realm of community service and to "help people, both professionally with life insurance and anything else that is needed."

This sentiment seems to be his legacy to his 22-year-old daughter Sarah and 21-year-old son Henry who are both "showing signs that they are destined to be 'givers in life' as well." **HB**



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