

Mary Beth O'Connell

Risk Control Manager
Bickmore Risk Services



CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Mary Beth O'Connell has worked extensively with municipalities since joining BRS as a risk control manager in 2000. She has been in the health and safety field for over 25 years. She has served as the Risk Control Manager for Bay Cities Joint Powers Insurance Authority (BCJPIA), Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA) and for Non Profits United Workers' Compensation Group (NPU-WCG), a private self-insured group of non profit agencies in California. She has been working with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG PLAN) for two years, and is currently providing consulting services to the City of Elk Grove. Mary Beth provides a wide variety safety and risk management consultative services, including training and educational workshops to BRS clients including municipalities, schools, special districts and nonprofit social service agencies. She was an instructor for the Safety Center Incorporated for 10 years. Mary Beth is adept at assessing clients risks, safety programs, and safety cultures; providing comprehensive reports designed to support accountability for safety and risk control programs, and assisting clients in complying with state and federal standards. She authored a chapter in the Essentials of Safety and Health Management, first and second editions. Mary Beth is a Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist (COHN-S) and a professional member of American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN).

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining BRS, Mary Beth O'Connell worked with a variety of clients to assess the effectiveness of employee, general liability, and fleet health and safety programs and provided recommendations to achieve accident and injury prevention results as a Health & Safety Specialist for Richard N. Goldman & Company. She developed and presented quarterly safety management seminars and conducted and facilitated safety management training sessions for managers and supervisors on preventing and investigating injuries. Mary Beth also developed office ergonomics training programs for managers, supervisors, and employees and provided an assessment of computer workstations for several client organizations.

As Senior Safety Consultant for Crawford Risk Control Services, Mary Beth assessed, developed, and implemented corporate and public entity (city, county, state, school districts) safety, health, ergonomic, industrial hygiene, and fleet safety programs, as well as safety training programs. She provided and coordinated ongoing safety consulting support and project management, and safety consulting utilizing an interdisciplinary team. Mary Beth also conducted underwriting risk analyses of hazardous materials transporters for a major national environmental liability insurer.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Bachelor of Art - Health Services Administration - St. Mary's College.
- Diploma in Nursing - Sisters of Charity School of Nursing.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)*
- *American Board for Occupational Health Nurses (ABOHN)*
- *American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)*
- *Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist (COHN-S)*
- *Registered Nurse, California*

Enriqueta Castro

Risk Control Manager

Bickmore Risk Services

CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Henri Castro is a Risk Control Manager at Bickmore Risk Services (BRS). She joined the firm in 2005 with fifteen years experience in safety and risk control. Henri provides a wide range of safety and risk management consultative services, which includes training and educational workshops to BRS clients including municipalities, schools, special districts, public entities, and nonprofit social service agencies. Additionally, Henri is adept at assessing client's risk, exposures, controls, loss trends, safety programs, and safety cultures. She also provides comprehensive reports designed to support accountability for safety and risk control programs, and assisting clients in complying with state and federal standards.

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining BRS, Henri provided safety and risk control consultative services to national and middle market policyholders. She played a significant role in developing customizing safety programs addressing workers' compensation, general liability, auto, and property exposures within each organization. She also developed and presented a wide range of safety training courses focusing on the specific needs of each policy holder.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Bachelor of Science – Business Management, Golden Gate University

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Pursuing Certified Safety Professional (CSP) designation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Member*

Gerry Preciado, JD

Litigation Manager

Bickmore Risk Services



CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Gerry Preciado joined BRS in January 2003. Gerry is the Employment Practices Liability (EPL) litigation manager at BRS, and is also responsible for the firm's EPL consulting practice. He serves as the litigation manager for BRS' employment practices JPA, and in that capacity is responsible for the review, evaluation, and control of the JPA's claims.

Gerry is a sought after speaker who has been invited to speak at conferences across the country on various EPL issues. In his role as an EPL consultant he has trained thousands of front-line managers and supervisors as well as executive leadership teams. Using the firm's Maxim Risk Management™ program, he has helped many clients experience positive sustained change in their workplace environments.

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining BRS Gerry Preciado was part of the employment litigation and counseling practice group of several law firms. Gerry's experience includes representing clients in state and federal court, and before various administrative agencies. Gerry is better situated than most to understand California's legal climate having practiced in Los Angeles, the Central Valley, and Northern California.

Using the universal principles in the Maxim Risk Management™ program, Gerry is able to provide EPL consulting services to clients nationwide.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Doctorate of Jurisprudence – UCLA School of Law
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science – UCLA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *State Bar of California*
- *Sacramento County Bar Association*

BAR/COURT ADMISSIONS

- *U.S. District Court, Central, Eastern, Northern District of California*
- *U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit*
- *Admitted in California*