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## **Court Worker in Superior Court of Imperial County Presented 2009 Legal Aid Association of California Award**

San Francisco—Each year the [Legal Aid Association of California](http://www.laac.org) (LAAC) recognizes the work and service of legal service, pro bono, and court-based advocates in the field of family law at the annual Family Law Conference. The LAAC this year honors Mr. Guillermo Fernandez Villalobos, a paralegal at the Superior Court of Imperial County's Access Center.

Mr. Villalobos' ability to foster relationships and enhance administrative procedures has earned him the LAAC's 2009 recipient of the Family Law Award as a Self-Help Service Provider. When he joined the Access Center of the Superior Court of Imperial County, he improved protocol and assisted the court in dealing with the influx of cases that involve Mexican-American legal issues, particularly in family law cases. He created family law forms and new procedures that won acceptance from judges in California and Mexico. Mr. Villalobos has worked to improve the delivery of legal services to family law litigants in ways that benefit many low-income families in complex dual-jurisdiction situations. He also provides one-on-one assistance to litigants and assists in workshops.

The 2009 Family Law Conference is cosponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Legal Aid Society of California. The awards ceremony was held on February 25, 2009, at the Milton Marks Conference Center in San Francisco.

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