

## BOB KLEIST LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognizes and honors an organization or company that has demonstrated inspirational and visionary leadership in the development of world trade in Southern California. The company or organization exemplifies through its work, the attributes of Bob Kleist, a renowned leader of world trade on the West Coast, by advocating for Southern California's interests in promoting trade and providing an education for the next generation of international traders.

Robert D. Kleist was a pillar of the international trade community and a mentor to many. Bob's last tenure was Corporate Advisor for Evergreen America Corporation and he led the Los Angeles Steamship Association throughout his career. Amongst his numerous other accomplishments and leadership in the community, Bob served as Chair of World Trade Week, President of Foreign Trade Association, Vice President of the Japan America Society, and Secretary of Commerce Appointee to the District Export Council. In 2003, Bob passed away but his legacy and wisdom lives on in world trade.

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with local innovators. IVCLA's programs tackle issues such as Entrepreneurship, Law & Justice, Trade Policy, Building Sustainable Cities and more. The people-to-people exchanges IVCLA arranges bring first-hand information about the rest of the world to Angelenos and provide international policy and opinion leaders with the opportunity to see with their own eyes the challenges and opportunities that define the Los Angeles region. These exchanges begin dialogues that would not otherwise be possible, fostering international understanding between the Los Angeles region and the rest of the world. IVCLA offers a tangible way to make a difference in the world, enabling great people to do even greater things! Visit [www.ivcla.org](http://www.ivcla.org).