

HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS
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February Meeting

DATE: Monday, February 26, 1979
TIME: 12:00 - 1:15 (brown bag lunch)
PLACE: Bishop Trust Bldg Penthouse, 1000 Bishop St.
SPEAKERS: Judge Betty Vitousek, Per diem judges Helen Gillmor and Patricia Park and Retired Justice Rhoda Lewis (who has been ill, but will try to come)
TOPIC: From a judge's viewpoint, what makes a good courtroom lawyer?

JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION: Karen Radius has been nominated by the HWL. Nominations close on Mar. 1 and ballots must be received by Mar. 22. How can you help? 1.) VOTE for Karen Radius. 2.) Urge your attorney friends, colleagues relatives, and spouse to vote for Karen. 3.) Volunteer in our telephone campaign to call 15 attorneys of your acquaintance to talk to them about Karen's qualifications. You may pick up 15 index cards of the names of the attorneys whom you wish to contact beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the office of Jo Kim, 841 Bishop St. Suite 1812. This system will avoid duplicate calls and will give us an accurate record of people who have not been reached. The cards will also be available at the February meeting.

HWL will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" get-together during the first or second week of March in the downtown area. Watch for announcements in the mail and press. All attorneys will be invited. For those who do not know Karen's background, we have prepared a brief summary. Please keep this information for future reference, particularly for the telephone campaign.

Karen Radius: age 30, grad. with honors - George Washington Univ. School of Law, 1974, admitted to Hawaii bar, 1974. Since admission, has worked with Legal Aid Society of Hawaii in Honolulu specializing in welfare and administrative law, and in Waianae as a general practitioner. Also served as the Society's Acting Director during 1978. Presently serves as managing attorney of the Society's Economic Rights Unit.

Legal Experience: civil law, district, circuit and family courts, and Honolulu Federal District Court. Clerked for several government agencies in Washington and for a private law firm in Honolulu doing civil and criminal work. Her work in Waianae involved interaction with various community based groups.

Qualifications for the Commission: Experience as Acting Director in the selection process for a permanent director by reviewing resumes, interviewing prospective candidates, and evaluating legal background and experience. In evaluating applicants for judicial appointment, Karen will be particularly sensitive to those with not only an excellent legal education, experience, independence and integrity, but also those sensitive to the wide range of legal and social issues of importance to Hawaii. Among the qualifications she feels is important is sensitivity to problems facing women.

Memberships: Hawaii State Bar Assoc., Hawaii Women Lawyers, and in the past has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Spouse Abuse center, the Waianae Hawaiian Culture Center and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

JUDGESHIPS: Congratulations to Gay Conklin who has just been named a per diem judge

JOBS: Marlene at the Women's Counselling Clinic (536-9976) is looking for women attorneys who are willing to counsel some of their patients. Some for free and some paying. She needs a referral list. Give her a call if you are interested.

Questionnaire from WORKING/WOMEN UNITED INSTITUTE: 593 Park Avenue, NY, NY 10021 WWUI has a brief bank on sexual harassment cases and is setting up a national referral network. They would like responses to the following questions: What sort of law firm do you work for? Do you specialize in any particular kind of law? What is your fee structure? Do you ever take non-fee generating cases? Would you consider doing one on sexual harassment on the job in cooperation with WWUI? Do you charge for an initial interview? How much? Have you handled any sexual harassment cases before? Describe? Send copies of any complaints, briefs etc. Are there other attorneys you could refer potential clients to? Who? Would you be interested in attending a conference or seminar exploring the legal problems of sexual harassment in the workplace? Would you be interested in receiving WWUI's planned legal newsletter dealing with sexual harassment on the job? Anyone interested?

VIDEOTAPES: The Education Committee has previewed several of the Women and the Law tapes purchased for the HWL through a grant from VISTA. The College of Continuing Education at UH is interested in using them as part of a course. Those of you experienced in the topics discussed will be invited to participate in the classroom discussion portion of the course. Oceanic Cable may also broadcast the tapes. Contact Rai Chu or Mary Hudson for more information.

PUBLIC INTEREST WOMEN'S LAW FIRM: Tom Layton of the Gerbode Foundation will be in Honolulu in April to discuss funding for such a firm. Contact Jo Kim at 537-2780 for more information.

TENTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND THE LAW: San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 29 through April 1, 1979. Keynote speaker Vilma Martines, Pres. and General Counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. Focus will be on the concerns of minority women and Bakke. Write to Ms. Cascell Noble, Univ. of Texas School of Law, 2500 Red River, Austin, Texas 78705.

MISCELLANEOUS: Thanks to those who have paid their \$10.00 dues for 1979. We would like to cut the costs of sending out this newsletter by requesting for volunteers to occasionally run off issues (210 copies presently) of our newsletter at your cost. We will continue to send this newsletter to all women members of the Hawaii bar living in Hawaii regardless of formal membership in the HWL. We have purchased printed HWL stationery for use by members (especially committee chairs) who wish to write letters on behalf of HWL. Contact Carol Lee at 521-6547 or Jo Kim at 537-2780. And finally, Pat Graves of the Direct Line women's clothing store (Merchant and Alakea) provides free make-up and clothing consultations for professional women. Tel. 521-4250.