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## PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

### January Meeting

Date. . . . January 29, 1982  
Time. . . . Noon to 1:30  
Location. . Yacht Harbor Restaurant, 359 Atkinson Drive  
Agenda. . . Awards Ceremony and Installation of New Officers

January Meeting: Your President and the Board hope that many of you will be able to attend. The price of \$10.00 for your meal includes salad, lavosh, main course (lasagne), desert, beverage, tax, tip and validated parking at the Yacht Harbor Towers. Please respond by January 25. Payment in advance is preferred; HWL must give a guaranteed number of reservations 48 hours in advance of the luncheon. Two awards will be presented. The Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year recognizes the woman attorney who has made the most significant contribution to improving the status of women. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes the woman attorney who throughout her legal career has significantly contributed to the advancement of women. New officers will be installed. Distinguished members of the legal and political communities have been invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

Ballot Instructions: The slate proposed by the nominating committee and approved by the Board of HWL is named on the ballot. If anyone wishes to write-in a candidate, there is a blank available for each office for that purpose. Please put a check beside the name of the person for whom you are voting. Please be sure to vote only once. If you should have any questions, please contact SHERRY BRODER, 533-3006.

Possible 1982 Amendments to Sexual Offense Statutes: On Jan. 8, 1982, NANCY STIVERS, on behalf of HWL, presented testimony before the House Judiciary Committee regarding possible amendments to the sexual offense statutes. The two major areas of possible statutory reform are: 1) the deletion of the "voluntary social companion" provision under which the distinction between the first and second degree rape and sodomy depends upon whether the victim had had sexual relations with the offender within thirty days of the offense; and 2) the consolidation of rape, sodomy and sexual abuse statutes into a comprehensive "sexual assault" statute. HWL endorsed the deletion of the voluntary social companion provided other criteria based upon the dangerousness of the offender or the risk to the victim (such as the use of a dangerous weapon) were substituted in its stead. HWL supported the redesignation of rape as sexual assault and of sodomy as deviate sexual assault, but did not endorse a consolidation of the rape and sodomy statutes unless the change could be effected without reducing the charges applicable to multiple offenders who had both raped and sodomized the victim. The HWL testimony was covered on the Channel 9 evening news on January 8. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the HWL written testimony or in helping with further lobbying efforts or drafting possible amendments should contact NANCY STIVERS at 521-9262.

Employment Litigation: Marguerite Simson invites HWL members to share ownership of "unedited tape cassettes and course material" from a Georgetown University Law Center conference entitled "You're Fired: A Review of Limitations on the Employer's Right to Dismiss an Employee." Total cost of the materials is \$195. Cost will be divided equally among those who respond. The conference is directed toward corporate counsel, but for that reason will contain similarly valuable information for protectors of employees' rights. Please contact MARCUERITE SIMSON before Jan. 31, 1982. if you have interest.