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March Monthly Meeting

DATE: Friday, March 25, 1988

TIME: 12:00 Noon - 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Cades Schutte Fleming and Wright
10th Floor, Conference Room

TOPIC: "Childcare: The Hidden Costs to Employers"

HWL invites you to a presentation by Lynn Rafto of Theta Associates. Ms. Rafto is a consultant, advisor, and trainer specializing in assisting employers to develop childcare benefit programs. She works with employers and employees to cut personnel costs attributable to unmet childcare needs of employees and develops programs to increase productivity and profitability of the business. In addition to presenting alternatives on childcare benefit plans, Ms. Rafto also arranges seminars and workshops on parental stress, return to work after pregnancy plans and other programs to assist parental transition. Please join us for what promises to be an interesting presentation.

Recap of February Monthly Meeting

HWL thanks Dr. Lynn Halevi for her interesting presentation on the use of voice by professional women. We thank the many members who attended and hope to be able to offer additional presentations featuring constructive tips on this topic.

Women's Biography Project Needs Writers

Seventeen women admitted to the Hawaii Bar between 1888 and 1959 will be featured in a volume of biographical essays tentatively entitled, **Early Women Lawyers of Hawaii**. The publication is a joint project of Hawaii Women Lawyers, Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation, The Biographical Research Center (UH), and the Foundation for Hawaii Women's History.

During 1987, the Biography Project Committee developed criteria for selection of the women lawyers to be included and established guidelines for writing of the essays. Recruitment of writers was also begun. In January 1988, the Committee made its selection of seventeen women whose

careers span ten decades. The time period from 1888 to 1959 was decided upon because the year 1888 marks the admission of Almeida Hitchcock to the Hawaii Bar. She was the first woman to achieve this distinction. The Committee chose 1959, the year of statehood, as another landmark date and a watershed in Hawaii's economic, political and social history.

Women lawyers whose lives had a significant impact on early 20th century Hawaii include Marguerite Ashford and Carrick Buck. In the pre-and-post World War II period, the lives of Rhoda Lewis, Ruth Loomis and Harriet Bouslog will be recognized. The biographical portraits will emphasize an integrative approach in which history, a sense of personality and literary craft come together. Focus will be on the women's professional lives as lawyers and on their lives as women pioneers in a profession largely dominated by men.

The Nancy J. Stivers Memorial Fund has provided early support for the project. The Biographical Research Center has committed funds for editing and some publication costs. The Foundation For Hawaii Women's History, through the efforts of Agnes Conrad, has contributed research and data and will assist in training writers. The Committee will be seeking other sources of funds to cover publication costs.

The Committee invites members of HWL to participate as one of the seventeen essayists. Agnes Conrad has prepared a summary of biographical data on each woman lawyer from which a selection can be made based on interest. Several of the women lawyers to be featured are retired in Hawaii or still practice law and are available for interviews. This is an excellent opportunity to satisfy one's interest in historical writing, in the law and in women's issues by contributing to the legal history of Hawaii. Please contact Marguerite Simson at 523-7011, Carol Daily at 945-3167, or Esther Arinaga at 531-4171 for more information.

Domestic Violence Hotline Gets Funding But Now Needs Volunteers

HWL, in conjunction with Hawaii Lawyers Care, has established a domestic violence hotline for battered spouses and children. The project was successful in securing funding from the Atherton Foundation and IOLTA. Now the program needs several volunteers to staff phone lines and keep the project actively running. Volunteers are needed to staff the phone lines, help counsel callers, and provide information for legal and social service referrals. The maximum time commitment required is two hours a month. The identity of all volunteers is kept confidential and anonymous.

Training videotapes are made available to volunteers at the Hawaii Lawyers Care office. This is an excellent opportunity for practitioners in the family law area to become more familiar with some of the basic information and issues often faced in dealing with domestic violence. Anyone wishing to help out may call Joyce Neeley at 523-7021 or Jo Kim at 526-3733 or 521-7740.

Announcements

Positions Available at the Public Defender's Office

The State Public Defender's Office is in desperate need of women attorneys. Starting salary is approximately \$27,500. For further information, contact Richard Pollack at 548-6273.

YWCA Leader Luncheon XI

The YWCA of Oahu will hold its eleventh annual Leader Luncheon on May 18, 1988 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. at the Westin Ilikai Hotel. Outstanding Achievement Awards will be made to one woman in each of the five categories: Business/Labor, Communications, Arts and Professions, Community Service, and Advocacy. Nomination forms are available from the YWCA and should be returned to them by no later than March 28. Reservations for the luncheon may also be made directly with the YWCA until May 9.

National Association of Bank Women State Conference

The National Association of Bank Women will hold their 1988 state conference on March 19, 1988 at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Speakers include Karen Thomas, executive vice president of Midwest Commerce Banking Co., on "Constant Change Is Our New Reality." The conference fee is \$55.00. For more information call 537-8365

"Talk Your Way to the Top"

Dora Hildebrand & Associates presents "Talk Your Way To The Top" on March 29, 1988 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Priory. The cost of the presentation is \$85.00. Call Dora Hildebrand at 948-0922 for details.

Personals

Congratulations to Rhonda and Jeff Griswold who became the proud parents of a baby boy, Wesley Ryan, on February 29, 1988.

Congratulations to Crystal Rose who was named a partner at the firm of Bays, Deaver, Hiatt, Kawachika & Lezak effective January 1, 1988.

Congratulations to Cora Lum, Senior Vice President - Counsel, who was recently appointed Corporate Secretary for Honolulu Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Congratulations to Cheryl Nakamura and Irene Anzai who were recently named partners at Rush Moore Craven Kim & Stricklin.

Mary Blaine Johnston and Terry L. Day, formerly partners in Brown, Johnston & Day, have formed the new law partnership of Johnston & Day, effective March 1, 1988. Their offices are located at 222 Merchant Street, Second Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii, telephone 526-0800.

Shelley Lynn Aboud has opened an office in Kealia, Hawaii effective March 1, 1988.

If you have any announcements you wish to submit for the monthly newsletter, please contact Lorraine H. Akiba at 521-9200, Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright, 1000 Bishop Street, 12th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 by the 3rd of every month.

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