

Hawaii Women Lawyers

By Lorraine H. Akiba, Attorney
President, HWL

Hawaii Women Lawyers ("HWL") held its annual installation and awards luncheon on Friday, January 29, 1988 at the Pacific Club to install the new officers and board of directors for 1988 and to present the Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards to two deserving recipients. The 1988 offices and board members of HWL include President, Lorraine Akiba; Vice President, Corianne Lau; Secretary, Susan Jaworowski; Treasurer, Michelle Tucker; and board members Laurie Adamshick, Lissa Andrews, Ellen Godbey Carson, Hisae Ishii-Chang, and Cynthia Farias.



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The program was highlighted by the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Naomi Campbell, head of the Family Support Division of the Department of Corporation Counsel, and the Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Award to Elizabeth Jubin Fujiwara. Campbell was honored for her numerous years of service on behalf of women in the community. Fujiwara was recognized for her countless hours of work on the Legal Rights Handbook for Women and her contributions as the co-chair of HWL's Pay Equity Committee and as a representative to the State Commission on the Status of Women.

The keynote speaker for the luncheon, Cheryl Vasconcellos of Hawaii Planned Parenthood, gave an inspiring and informational talk on the national and international issues facing the community today in the reproductive rights area. She shared her experiences from her numerous years of work in the family planning area.

This year marks the 100th an-

niversary of the admission of Almeida Hitchcock to the Hawaii bar as the state's first female attorney. Women attorneys have definitely come a long way since 1888, but still have much to accomplish. In this auspicious year, HWL will continue its current projects, as well as take on new projects in areas of growing concern like child care. HWL encourages attorneys to join in these tasks.

Hawaii Women Lawyers Invites Your Participation

By Susan Ekimoto Jaworowski, Attorney
Secretary, HWL

Hawaii Women Lawyers ("HWL") invites your participation in its 1988 activities. General meetings of HWL are held the last Friday of every month at noon in the 10th floor conference room of Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright, Bishop Trust Building, 1000 Bishop Street. Everyone is invited. Please bring your lunch and join us! Topics for general meetings are announced in the HWL newsletter. HWL's recent



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topics have included a roundtable discussion with Justice Frank Padgett and Judge Walter Heen on appellate practice, Women Business Leaders in Hawaii, the Judy Shibuya case, and Women in Broadcast Journalism.

HWL has planned a full schedule of activities this year. Special projects include the Women's Biography Project, in which HWL is sponsoring the preparation of a biography of early women attorneys in Hawaii, from 1888 up to statehood. Additional researchers and writers are needed, and anyone interested in participating may contact Esther Arinaga at 531-4171. HWL is also producing the Hawaii Women's Legal Rights Handbook, modeled after

similar publications in other states, which will provide a layperson's guide to areas of the law of which affect women. Anyone wishing to help on this project should call Elizabeth Jubin-Fujiwara, who heads the project, at 526-9886. In addition, HWL is involved in Law Week and is a co-sponsor, along with other professional women's groups, of the annual Communications Workshop which will be held in October 1988.

HWL, in conjunction with Hawaii Lawyers Care, has established a domestic violence hotline for battered spouses and children. Volunteers staff the phone, help counsel callers, and provide information for legal and social services referrals. The maximum time commitment required is two hours a month. 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. Anyone wishing to help out may call Jo Kim at 521-7740.

HWL also has 19 active committees on a variety of interests. New committee members are always welcome. The Committee chairs include Awards, Susan Ekimoto Jaworowski; Annual Communications Workshop, Laurie Furuya; Conference, Laurie Adamshick; Directory, Stephanie Gonsalves; Education, Corianne Lau; Judicial/Career Opportunities, Ann Burns, Ellen Godbey Carson, and G. Hisae Ishii-Chang; Law Day, Lissa Andrews; Legislative, Cynthia Farias; Family Leave, Ann Burns; Membership, Michelle Tucker; Networking, Allison Jacobs-Pendragon and Laurie Adamshick; Nominations, Lorraine Akiba; Pay Equity, Corianne Lau and Lissa Andrews; Prevention of Spouse Abuse, Joyce Neeley; Speakers' Bureau, Christine Kurashige; Mentor, G. Hisae Ishii-Chang; Newsletter, Lorraine Akiba and G. Hisae Ishii-Chang; Publicity, Corianne Lau; and the Women's Biography Project, Esther Arinaga. If you are interested in working with any of these committees, please contact the committee chair.