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August Monthly Meeting

DATE: Friday, August 26, 1988

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

PLACE: Richards Street YWCA

Room 105 (ground floor on Richards Street side)

TOPIC: Democratic Congressional Candidates Forum

Mary Bitterman, Leigh-Wai Doo, and John Radcliffe, leading Democratic party candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives from the First Congressional District (Urban Honolulu) have agreed to participate in a candidates forum. We have asked each to address various topics of major concern to the people of Honolulu. The winner of this Democratic primary race will face Republican Pat Saiki in the general election. Please attend this important forum and show your support for HWL's continued efforts to offer events of political importance to its membership and the public.

Recap of July Monthly Meeting

Mayoral candidates Marilyn Bornhorst, Randall Iwase, Patsy Mink, Mike Mixell, and Dennis O'Connor participated in an extremely informative Mayoral Candidates Forum organized by HWL members. After a brief introduction, each candidate fielded questions from the audience concerning topics such as child care,

agricultural land usage, foreign investment, mass transit, and others. The event attracted media coverage and provided further insight into the candidates' priorities and suggested solutions for dealing with problems in the City and County of Honolulu.

Foundation Sponsors Celebration Honoring Judge Vitousek

The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation ("THWLF"), along with the Hawaii State Bar Association and its Family Law and Child Parent Advocate Section ("CAPA") sponsored a retirement party for Judge Betty M. Vitousek on July 29, 1988, at the Cannon Club. Judge Vitousek, who has a distinguished career of service to the community has retired as Senior Judge of the Family Court of the First Circuit of the State of Hawaii. Over 400 people participated in honoring Judge Vitousek. Helen Gillmor was mistress of ceremonies for a program consisting of Judge Samuel P. King of the United States District Court, Chief Judge James S. Burns of the Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawaii, and Judge Shunichi Kimura of the Third Circuit Court of the State of Hawaii. Judge Vitousek was presented with a Commendation from the State House of Representatives by Representative Carol Fukunaga. Kenneth Ling, Director of Family Court,

presented Judge Vitousek with a beautiful plaque that will be prominently displayed in the shelter home for adolescents upon its completion, a project for which Judge Vitousek has worked very hard. Judge Vitousek was also presented with a hand crafted koa rocking chair made by Koa Creations of Kaneohe. The members of the Steering Committee that planned this splendid event were Helen Gillmor, Chair, Sherry P. Broder (THWLF), Bill Darrah (Family Law Section), Charlene Anaya (CAPA), and Erlene Yokoi (Juvenile Justice Inter-Agency Board). The Steering Committee could not have done such a great job without the efforts of Maiden Temple, Kathy Chang, Doreen Von Oldenhoff, and Kathy Woods. The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation and Hawaii Women Lawyers join in wishing Judge Vitousek a very happy retirement.

Have Times Really Changed? — Judge Threatens To Jail Attorney For Using Maiden Name

A federal judge told an attorney he doesn't allow anyone to "use that Ms." in his courtroom, ordered her to use her married name or go to jail and found her colleague in contempt for protesting. "Do what I tell you or you're going to sleep in the county jail tonight. You can't tell me how to run my courtroom," Senior U.S. District Judge Hubert I. Teitelbaum told attorney Barbara Wolvovitz.

The judge told Ms. Wolvovitz, whose husband is University of Pittsburgh law professor Jules Lobel, that she must go by the name Mrs. Lobel in his courtroom. When her co-counsel, Jon Pushinsky, protested, Teitelbaum found him in contempt of court for "officious intermeddling" and gave him a suspended sentence of 30 days in jail.

During a disjointed dialogue Friday that covered about 20 pages of court transcript, Teitelbaum told Ms. Wolvovitz that Mrs. Lobel is her legal name "under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania." "And that's what I want you to be, to call yourself from here on in this courtroom," he said. "That's an intolerable kind of thing." The judge claimed a married woman must petition the Common Pleas Court for permission to use her maiden name. The Pennsylvania Family Law Practice and Procedure Handbook said no legal proceedings are required if a woman chooses to use her maiden name.

Teitelbaum, presiding over a race discrimination suit against PPG Industries, Inc., also asked each of the six female jurors on Friday if she used her husband's name or maiden name. All used their husbands' names.

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Announcements Disability Insurance

The HWL Board of Directors has recently reviewed a proposal from The New England offering disability insurance to HWL members at favorable rates. The Board, while not determining whether or not the proposed program was superior to other programs which may exist, did agree that HWL members should have the opportunity to decide whether they could benefit from the offer. Following is further information we received from the insurance representative.

Now, through a special offer to HWL members, you can protect "your ability to earn an income" through a disability insurance program from The New England. Members will qualify for a 20-24% discount on an individual, liberally defined, policy designed specifically for professionals. Besides coverage for partial, residual, and total disability, benefits may include: the ability to work in another occupation and still receive benefits; a residual benefit that provides 100% of the monthly benefit; proportionate disability coverage; immediate payments for presumptive disabili-

ty; coverage for normal pregnancy as well as complications; coverage for transplant surgery when you are the donor; coverage to age 65 or even lifetime benefits; and adjustments to inflation. When you've earned a comfortable lifestyle, protect it.

For more information, please contact Peter M. Tsukazaki, Plan Coordinator, at 527-7260.

Solo Practitioner And Small Firm Committee

The August meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday this month (August 25, 1988) at the Federal Building Cafeteria, 5th floor, at 12:00 noon. The August meeting will discuss various types of insurance and computerization of commonly used forms. For more information, please call Allison Jacobs-Pendragon at 599-4005.

The Fourth National Conference On Children And The Law

The ABA/YLD's National Legal Resource Center for Child Advocacy and Protection is sponsoring The Fourth National Conference on Children and the Law, September 29-October 1, 1988 in Arlington, Virginia. For further information, please write to the American Bar Association, 1800 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, Attention: Sally Small Inada.

Lawyer Referral Network

The Asian American Journalists Association would like to establish a lawyer referral network. The network would be comprised of attorneys willing to volunteer some time to help their professional journalist members. The AAJA would like to set up a network in Hawaii since they have a chapter here. The program proposal includes lawyers volunteering for a limited time only; and additional time required to handle an issue being charged (or not charged) according to an agreement between the lawyer and the AAJA member. Specialty areas for which AAJA seeks attorneys are libel, contracts and negotiations, and employment/labor. For further information, please contact Diane Yen-Mei Wong, National Executive Director, Asian American Journalists Association, 1765 Sutter Street, Room 1000, San Francisco, California 94115 (415) 346-2051.

Reminder To Renew Your HWL Membership

Membership dues help underwrite the activities of HWL and directly support publication of this newsletter. To help HWL continue in its work and to insure that you will keep receiving the HWL newsletter, **please renew your membership dues NOW**. Check the address label to see when your dues expire. If (6/89) does not appear after your name, you need to renew your dues. Thanks for your support.

Personals

Congratulations to HWL Secretary Susan Ekimoto Jaworowski and her husband, Richard S. Ekimoto, on the birth of their daughter, Katya Allegra, on July 18, 1988!

Debra and Nelson Chun welcomed their new arrival, Alexander, on July 5, 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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If you have not done so already, please renew your membership. Dues are \$25, \$15 (Out of State Members), \$15 (New Admittees), \$5 (Students). Please remit with the following form to HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805:

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Please note any topics or projects in which you are interested _____

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