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## NEWSLETTER

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## No November General Membership Meeting

No HWL general membership meeting is scheduled this month. Instead, we urge all of you to attend the many activities planned during the annual Hawaii State Bar Convention, November 17 and 18, 1988 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The HSBA and HICLE have coordinated a series of seminars including an Advanced Trial Practice seminar, which will have a live demonstration format; an Appellate Handbook seminar; and a program on Buying and Selling Commercial Real Estate. Chief Justice Herman Lum will be one of the keynote speakers and will give a State of the Judiciary address at the YLD luncheon on November 17, 1988. A very special guest humorist will be featured at Friday's annual Bar luncheon. The Hawaii State Judicial Conference is also being held from November 16 through 19, 1988 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

## Recap of Communications Conference

The Fifth Annual Joint Communications Conference of Women Professionals was held on Saturday, October 15, 1988 at the Hale Koa Hotel. The conference was originally conceived by HWL to provide an opportunity to improve communications skills and give members of various organizations a chance to meet and discuss issues of mutual concern.

The conference was attended by over 200 persons. Participants were able to attend two sessions of workshops in the morning and afternoon. The featured speaker at brunch was Nancy Masterson Sakamoto, who presented a humorous and enlightening talk on "Why Japanese and Americans Seem Rude to Each Other". The conference concluded with a reception featuring informal modeling of clothing provided by Casual Corner.

## Date Changed for Reproductive Rights Fundraiser

The Reproductive Rights Fundraiser originally scheduled for Friday, November 18, 1988, has been rescheduled to take place on Friday, December 2, 1988 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA Courtyard, 1050 Richards Street. HWL is co-sponsoring this fundraiser, along with other community groups. Tickets and additional information are available from Cynthia Farias at 536-6922 or Ellen Carson at 524-1212. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help support Hawaii Planned Parenthood's efforts in preserving women's right of access to abortion and contraception.



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## **1989 HSBA Presidential Candidates Speak To HWL**

**HELLEN GILLMOR:** In the 20 years since Helen Gillmor graduated from law school, she has been fortunate in that circumstances have permitted her to act as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, to practice in a law firm and as a public defender, as well as serving as a per diem judge in Family and District Courts. Early in her career, she taught Korean judges and prosecutors in Seoul, Korea, for a year under a United States Agency for International Development Program. These varied opportunities, along with the day-to-day practice of law, have given her an appreciation for the diversity of the responsibilities of the legal profession. She has served as Treasurer and Vice President of HSBA. For 14 years she has been a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court, where she is currently Vice-Chairperson. Gillmor has two areas of particular concern that she would address if given the opportunity to serve as HSBA President: (1) expanding bar services and membership; and (2) the community's perception of attorneys. In expanding bar services and membership, Gillmor feels the Bar Association Sections are a good place to start. The development and growth of Association Sections reflect both the growth of specialization and the need for on-going education for practicing attorneys. She believes the Bar Association should give strong support to the existing Bar Sections and find ways to extend the benefits of Section membership. In addressing her second area of interest, Gillmor feels attorneys have lost ground in the public's perception of the value of lawyers' contributions to the community. Better communication is needed in the community, while at the same time attorneys need to grow and change with the needs of the community.

**WALTER S. KIRIMITSU:** Walter S. Kirimitsu was inducted in the Spring of 1988 into the American College of Trial Lawyers. Kirimitsu, who is fluent in Japanese, is a Honolulu native and has been in private practice for 21 years. He is a graduate St. Louis High School (1958) and the University of Hawaii (1962) where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Japanese language and literature. Kirimitsu graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and after serving as a law clerk to the late Associate Justice Cable Witz of the Hawaii Supreme Court, served as a trial attorney and personal injury claims officer with the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate Corps. His current practice centers around personal injury trial work and international law and finance. Kirimitsu decided to seek election to this very important position with the hope of providing the leadership necessary to make the HSBA a more functional and accessible organization. He is especially interested in creating a broader base of participation on all levels of the Bar Association and encouraging active contributions from every segment of the bar. He has plans to make the Bar Association more accessible to the outside community so that our legal community can make a more solid contribution to the community.

## **Women Candidates Are Well Represented In The 1989 HSBA-YLD Elections**

This year's YLD elections have involved many women candidates, several of whom are HWL members. Leslie A. Hayashi, former HWL President and currently the Executive Director of Hawaii Lawyers Care, is running for the Vice-President, President-Elect position against Lyle Hosoda, from Kobayashi Watanabe Sugita Kawashima & Goda.

Darolyn Lendio, an associate at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, is seeking the position of Secretary, along with Elizabeth Ivey of Foley Maehara Judge & Nip.

Among those individuals running for the YLD Board of Directors, four are women. Of those women, the following are HWL members, Lorraine Akiba, current HWL President, Nadine Y. Ando, an associate at Carlsmith Wichman Case Mukai & Ichiki, Lissa H. Andrews, current HWL Director, and Jan A. Kobayashi, HWL member.



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It is impressive to see the numbers of women growing in the leadership ranks of the HSBA-YLD. HWL encourages its members to get actively involved in the election and to take up bar leadership positions.

## **Announcements**

### **Awards Nominations Sought**

HWL is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Woman Lawyer Of The Year and Distinguished Service Awards which will be presented at the annual installation luncheon on January 27, 1989. If you are aware of anyone deserving of such recognition, please send in your nominations to the Awards Committee, P. O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805.

### **National Association of Women Lawyers Regional Meeting**

The National Association of Women Lawyers will be holding a regional meeting in New York City. The program will be held at New York University School of Law, in Greenwich Village, New York City, on November 11-12, 1988. For more information, please contact Leona Beane at (212) 838-2877 or (212) 608-0919.

### **A Night in Monte Carlo**

The HSBA is hosting "A Night in Monte Carlo" on Friday, November 18, 1988 at Rascals nightclub at 2301 Kuhio Avenue. This will be a fun-filled night featuring music, dancing, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar, and a chance at HSBA's very own private casino.

The doors to Rascals open at 7:00 p.m. The cost of "A Night in Monte Carlo" is \$35.00 per person. Call the HSBA office at 537-1868 to make reservations, and send payments to the HSBA, P.O. Box 26, Honolulu, Hawaii 96810. The deadline for reservations is November 14, 1988.

### **Na Loio No Na Kanaka to Hold Annual Fundraiser**

Na Loio no na Kanaka will hold its annual fundraiser on Friday, November 18, 1988 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Palama Settlement. This year's theme is "Taking Up The Struggle: The Legacy Of Women Pioneers." Ah Quon McElrath will be honored as a long-time worker in the fight for social justice. Special guests will be the pioneer women lawyers of Hawaii who are being recognized in the Hawaii Women Lawyers Biography Project. Tickets are \$20. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Bill Hoshijo at 842-0055.

### **Professional Portfolio Photographs for Bar Directory**

Mary Ann Changg, well-known local photographer, is making a special offer available to members of the Bar for a professional photograph session, which includes makeup and hairstyling, two changes of clothing, three 3x5 prints and 32 proofs. Pictures are available in black and white or color. The total cost of the package is \$125.00. Ms. Changg's studio is located at 1528 Makaloa Street, Honolulu, telephone 955-2181.

### **Personals**

Congratulations to HWL V.P. Corianne Lau and her husband Ried Fisher, on the arrival of their twin girls, Jasmine Marie, 6 lbs. 11 oz and Callie Nicole, 4 lbs. 10 oz., on October 22, 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 1st of every month.

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## **HWL MEMBERSHIP**

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:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the committees, if any, on which you would be willing to serve \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any topics or projects in which you are interested \_\_\_\_\_

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