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## Hawaii Women Lawyers

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Hawaii Women Lawyers held its annual installation and awards luncheon on January 26, 1989, at the Pacific Club. New officers and a board of directors for 1989 were installed and awards presented for outstanding woman lawyer of the year and for distinguished service. The 1989 officers of HWL are: president, Ellen Godbey Carson; vice president, Corianne W. Lau; secretary, Susan Jaworski; and treasurer, Michelle Tucker. Board members are Lissa Andrews, Hisae Ishii-Chang, Cynthia Farias, Sheryl Nicholson and Linnel Nishioka.

This year, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Eleanor Pierce, who recently retired from the position of executive director of the Hawaii State Bar Association. This award was made in recognition of Pierce's longtime service to the Bar Association and the legal community. She has helped to guide the fledgling organization toward realization of its full potential. Presenting the award to Pierce was past Bar Association President, Bill McCorrison.

The Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Award was made to the honorable Joann Yukimura, Mayor of Kauai. Yukimura was cited for her work on the Kauai County Council and for her achievement in



The Honorable JoAnn Yukimura, recipient, Outstanding Woman Attorney of the Year award.

attaining election to the office of mayor. Her persistence in pursuit of this elective office and her vision of slow, quality growth for her community have inspired other women attorneys. Yukimura's award was presented by Governor John Waihee.

Outgoing President Lorraine H. Akiba reviewed the many accomplishments of the organization in 1988. Among them were: first-place award by the Young Lawyers division of the American Bar Association for outstanding activities and accomplishments during 1987-88, significant gains in fighting gender bias in private clubs in Hawaii, sponsorship of a forum on reproductive freedoms, support for the domestic violence hotline which be-

came operational in 1988, work on a legal rights handbook soon to be published, kickoff of the biography project which will document the lives of early women attorneys in Hawaii and ongoing legislative monitoring of issues of interest to women, including child care and family leave.

Incoming President Ellen Godbey Carson issued an invitation and challenge to women lawyers and the legal community at large to become activists and assist HWL in projects designed to fight sexism and racism, and advocate in other areas of special concern to women. HWL encourages and welcomes increased participation by members in realizing these goals.



HWL 1989 Officers (bottom row, left to right): Susan Ekimoto Jaworowski, Secretary; Corianne Lau, VP; Ellen Godbey Carson, President; and Michelle Tucker, Treasurer. Board of Directors (top row, left to right): Sheryl Nicholson, Linnell Nishioka, Hisae Ishii-Chang and Cynthia Farias. Missing: Lissa Andrews.



Former HSBA President Bill McCorrison and Elle Pierce.



Elle Pierce