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## Hawaii Women Lawyers

by Ellen Godbey Carson,  
HWL President

Hawaii Women Lawyers ("HWL") invites your participation in our 1989 agenda and activities. General meetings of HWL are held on the last Friday of each month at noon in the 10th-floor conference room of Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright, Bishop Trust Building, 1000 Bishop Street. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring your lunch and join us! Topics for general meetings are announced in the HWL newsletter, and are planned to include "Diapers and Depositions" (balancing family and legal responsibilities), domestic violence, living with stress, how to be elected to boards of directors, current issues in obstetric and gynecological care, and the Berman public schools report.

HWL's highest priority issues for 1989 include reproductive freedoms, parental leave, domestic violence, gender bias, and child care. Numerous specific projects are in the works to address these issues, and we invite the participation of all interested persons.

HWL has joined with the Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation in a Joint Committee on Gender Bias problems in the practice of law in Hawaii. HWL is also working on two publications on women's issues projected for completion this year. The first is the Women's Biography Project volume detailing the lives of early women attorneys in Hawaii, from 1888 up to Statehood. The second is a Women's Rights Legal Handbook, which will provide a layperson's guide to areas of law which affect women. In 1989, HWL will have a series of "Mentor" programs which will help provide mentors to women who have recently entered legal practice. HWL also assists in Law Week activities and is a co-sponsor, along with other professional women's groups, of the Annual Communications Workshop, which will be held in October 1989.

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## Bar Board Actions

by Mel Masuda

The Hawaii State Bar Association board (including the officers and directors listed on the masthead in this issue) took the following actions and reported on the following activities at the regular monthly meeting February 18:

- Legislative chair Larry Gilbert briefed the board members on the important pieces of proposed state legislation affecting members of the bar. Because of the urgency of the legislative session (the legislature ends near the end of April), it was decided to have the executive committee (the officers, Gilbert, and committee chairs Rick Morry and Coralie Matayoshi) determine which pieces of legislation the HSBA would take positions on, if any.

- Gilbert reported that key items of concern to the HSBA this legislative session have been tort reform (please see his report in the March Bar News), proposals to improve the functioning of the judiciary, and a proposal for mandatory malpractice insurance (a proposal advocated by Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Frank Padgett, who testified).

- In addition, Gilbert reported that he has been coordinating particularly with attorneys Peter Fong and Michael Hidano of state Senator Ron Menor's senate judiciary committee to make sure that, if attorneys' expertise and comments are needed on any particular bills, the committee staff knows which attorney in the bar association to contact for reaction and input.

- ABA delegate Vernon Char

briefed the HSBA board members on the results of the ABA mid-year meeting, at which the so-called "gay rights" resolution (opposed by vote of the HSBA board in January) was approved by the ABA House of Delegates.

- President Charles Key reported on his meeting with the ABA conventions personnel and urged all members of the bar to do their best in August to help host the several thousand attorneys and their families who will be coming to Honolulu for the ABA annual meeting; Key has scheduled a get-acquainted cocktail party for the state bar presidents from the other 49 states, LEXIS representatives, and the HSBA at the Honolulu Academy of Arts for August 4.

- Diane Hastert is asking for volunteers to assist with "Holo Holo Sunday," a set of three walking tours of downtown Honolulu which ABA delegates and their families will be taking in August through downtown law firms, Chinatown and

various historic sites; please contact Diane if interested in volunteering to help.

- President-elect Walter Kirimitsu reported that, at the National Conference of Bar Presidents meeting at the ABA mid-year meeting, the major topics included integration or unification of the bar and professional competence; he observed that "it was reassuring to see that other jurisdictions have the same concerns as ours."

- Following up on concerns expressed at the past state judicial conference of bench and bar, a special committee has been established to determine methods by which the selection of per diem district court judges can be improved.

The HSBA board meets at 4:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in a conference room at a law firm designated by the HSBA president. All members of the bar association are welcome. Presently, the board meets at the main conference room of President Key's law firm.

## HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS (Continued from page 15)

HWL is also a co-sponsor of the April 6, 1989, Honolulu March for Women's Equality and Women's Lives, and is involved in other activities to protect the reproductive freedoms recognized by the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* and *Griswald v. Connecticut*. These activities help provide leadership in issues of concern to women in Hawaii.

If you are interested in partici-

pating in any of HWL's activities, we invite you to contact the HWL committee chairpersons listed below:

We welcome public input and ideas. Please contact HWL President Ellen Carson at 524-1212 if you have any ideas for HWL activities, if you would like a speaker or input from HWL on current program areas, or if you would like to contribute time or resources to HWL's activities.

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