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HWL Speaks Out On Webster

Date: July 28, 1989, at noon

Place: Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright Conference Room,
10th Floor, 1000 Bishop Street

Topic: Strategies for Action in Response to the Supreme
Court's Webster decision restricting abortion rights

Please attend this forum on strategies for action in response to the Supreme Court's attack on women's reproductive rights in **Webster v. Reproductive Health Services**. The program includes Honolulu City Councilwoman Patsy Mink and Hawaii Planned Parenthood Executive Director Cheryl Vasconcellos, both of whom are very dynamic speakers. HWL President Ellen Carson will introduce the forum with a summary of the legal scope of the **Webster** decision and the new abortion cases accepted by the Supreme Court for review in the next term. The program will highlight legal and political strategies to preserve our reproductive rights here in Hawaii, as well as current immediate activities needing your assistance, including fundraising, petition drives, and legal efforts to defend rapidly increasing attacks on abortion and contraception. Please come. Bring your friends and commit yourself **now** to this important effort.

HWL Activities for the ABA Bar Convention

By Linnel T. Nishioka, HWL Board Member

HWL is gearing up for the ABA bar convention to be held in Hawaii on August 3 through 10, 1989. HWL, in conjunction with the National Association of Women Lawyers ("NAWL") and the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations ("NCWBA"), is sponsoring several programs of interest at the annual bar convention.

On Friday, August 4, 1989 at 4:30 p.m., HWL is co-sponsoring a cocktail party at the Ilikai Hotel to kick off the Bar Convention and to welcome and network with other attorneys from around the country who will be attending the annual bar convention. The NCWBA will also be presenting their annual service awards.

On the morning of August 5, 1989, HWL, NAWL, NCWBA, and the ABA Individual Rights Section will sponsor a panel discussion on reproductive rights focusing on and highlighting the impact of the **Webster** decision. Representatives from Planned Parenthood and other groups will be present.

On August 5, 1989 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., HWL is co-sponsoring a luncheon at the Ilikai Hotel, Melbourne Room, featuring former Representative and Honolulu City Councilwoman Patsy Mink. Ms. Mink is an exciting speaker who should not be missed. Her topic will be "Breaking the Barriers." Throughout the day, there will also be a women's bar exposition featuring displays from various bar associations across the country.

On August 5, 1989, from 2 to 5 p.m., there will be panels and workshops conducted on a wide range of topics including gender bias, forming Political Action Committees or PAC's, fund raising, pay equity, child care, family leave, international family planning issues and other topics of interest to be announced at a later date.

HWL welcomes and invites all of you to participate in the many activities co-sponsored by HWL at the annual bar convention. For further information, please contact Lorraine Akiba at 521-9200 or Linnel Nishioka at 526-3011.

Women On The Hawaii Supreme Court

By Ellen Godbey Carson, HWL President

Yes, it **can** happen, and it will happen as soon as women in Hawaii get organized about reaching our goals. Women should be appointed not only as justices in the Hawaii Supreme Court, but also as judges in the U.S. District Court in Hawaii, as dean and one-half of the faculty of the Richardson Law School, and as one-half of all board members and officers of the major private and public boards in Hawaii. These are just some of the many five-year goals mentioned at a THWLF meeting last year. Other goals include:

- One-half of the circuit court judges in Hawaii should be female.
- Family leave policies should be adopted for all state and private employees.
- More women should be partners in Hawaii law firms
- There should be a women's rights law firm in Hawaii
- THWLF funds should reach seven figures (\$1,000,000+)
- Women should have equal entry and rights in private clubs
- There should be a woman president of HSBA

These goals can be reality, soon, if each of us helps support these goals by **leadership, action, and commitment.**

You should have received and returned a Questionnaire to Hawaii's Women Lawyers Foundation. The survey explores the causes and effects of past gender bias, as well as your plans and dreams for the future. The survey also requests your prioritization of goals for Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation and the Legislature in the 1990's. These goals and changes cannot be achieved without **your help.** In the short ten years before the year 2000, don't you think we could accomplish some or all of these goals if we really put our minds to it? And doesn't that seem worth a few pro bono hours each month? Please get in touch, send us a note or call any of the HWL board members, to tell us what you would like to do to create a better Hawaii in the 1990's. We look forward to hearing from you.

Recap Of May Monthly Meeting

Attorneys Sandy Nitta and Carolyn Grayson provided an excellent overview of Probate Law and Estate Planning at the June HWL meeting, including suggestions for avoiding pitfalls like will challenges, and increasing malpractice concerns. Seminar attendees obtained a valuable update on current issues and legal strategies in probate cases. Many thanks to Sandy and Carolyn!

Announcements

Personals

HWL Board member Hisae Ishii-Chang and husband, attorney Philip Chang, are the proud new parents of a baby girl, Taylour Li Puanani Yukyno Ishii Chang, born on June 16, 1989, and weighing in at 6 lbs, 8 oz.

Lea Crandall and her husband, attorney David Schulmeister, are celebrating the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Crandall Schulmeister, born on June 25, 1989, and weighing 8 lbs, 8 oz.

Congratulations are in order for Ramona Hussey, who was the recipient of the Richardson School of Law's new Organization Service Award, recognizing the law student who has contributed the most to the school during her three years. Ramona has served as President of the Student Bar Association, the Hawaii Women Lawyers Student Division, and was a member of the Board of Directors of Advocates for Public Interest. Ramona was married on May 20 to Honolulu attorney Alan B. Burdick, in a Quaker wedding at Kalama Beach Club in Kailua. Many thanks and best wishes to Ramona!

Congratulations are also due to Martha Young, who started a new job on June 1 as Staff Attorney for the Office of Information Practices, Department of the Attorney General, 335 Merchant St., Room 246, Honolulu, 96813. Phone: 548-8184.

Events of Interest

ABA Convention Activities - please see the notice on the first page of this newsletter, or call the HSBA office for a full listing of convention activities.

Volunteers needed for HSBA Holo Holo Sunday Event

Volunteer tour guides/monitors are needed for the Hawaii State Bar Association's Holo Holo Sunday Walking Tour of downtown Honolulu on Sunday, August 6, 1989. This event is part of the activities planned by the local bar for the Annual Meeting of the ABA during August 1989. Four self-guided walking tours will cover Iolani Palace, the State Capitol, Iolani Barracks, the Coronation Bandstand, Aliiolani Hale, Kawaiahao Church, restored historic buildings, the State and Federal Courthouses, Chinatown, Oahu Market, and numerous other attractions. There will be free music and entertainment at the various tour destinations. Volunteers will serve as monitors stationed at the various locations along the tour path and will receive a souvenir t-shirt. For more information, or to volunteer, please call Lorraine H. Akiba at 521-9200.

Volunteers needed for ACLU Amicus Committee. The ACLU Amicus Committee is a group of Hawaii attorneys who support the ACLU's goals for personal liberties, and provide fundraising support by calling other attorneys for funds and assistance. Volunteer attorneys are asked to give 2 1/2 hours one evening to the ACLU, to call other attorneys in Hawaii to seek their financial contributions and support. One or two committee members are also needed for a one-year appointment, including only 2-3 meetings per year. Please call Prof. Judy Weightman, at 524-5131, for details.

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 _____

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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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