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Hawaii Women Lawyers

By Susan Ekimoto Jaworowski

The Honorable JoAnn Yukimura, mayor of Kauai, and Dr. Ann Die, Dean of Newcomb College, Tulane University, were the keynote and kick-off speakers at the Sixth Annual Joint Conference of Women Professionals. HWL, which co-founded the conference six years ago, was joined by the American Society of Women Accountants, the Professional Women's Network, the National Association of Banking Women, the Organization of Women Leaders, and Women in Communications, Inc., in arranging this year's conference.

Natural Resources Section

The Natural Resources Section met October 17, 1989. Robert Bunn of Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright discussed the recent 9th Circuit decision in *Robinson vs. Ariyoshi* and presented a brief overview of Hawaii Water Law.

Our next meeting will be held December 12, 1989, at noon, HSBA Conference Room, 950 Pacific Tower. The topic will be Sandy Beach and the speaker will be Michael Wilson.

FAMILY COURT BULLETIN

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to prepare an objective, impartial study without providing any counseling or mediation services other than to refer the parties to such counseling and mediation services when appropriate.

10. *Weight Given to Custody Report* Family Court judges give appropriate weight to custody recommendations depending on the methodology, rationale, and factual findings employed in the social study. Because custody cases are some of the most difficult to decide, they are given priority in trial settings and discussed at the weekly Domestic Division meeting. Court clerks will continue to notify ASB as to the court's decision in custody cases.

Susan Jaworowski, HWL secretary, was the HWL representative to the planning committee.

The conference was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on October 14, 1989. This year's theme was "Women Making the Difference." Dean Die illustrated that theme by pointing out that as women make up an increasing percentage of the workforce and of attendance at law, medical, business, and other professional schools, women have and will continue to change how America does business.

The Conference featured six workshops. The morning choices were: "The Glass Ceiling," led by Dean Die, describing how women generally have been allowed to ascend only to middle management positions; "Polite Fictions: Why the Japanese and Americans Seem Rude to Each Other," was taught by Professor Nancy Sakamoto of Kansai Gaidai Hawaii Ko; and "The Board Game," presented by Dr. Bonnie Hilton, director of the Hawaii Better Business Bureau, on what boards do and how to get on them. The afternoon session featured, "Getting Noticed," by Dr. Lauren Ekroth; "The Mommy Track: Myth or Reality," led by moderator Dr. Tim Keck, in which Bernice Littman, partner at Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright was a panelist; and "Networking and Mentoring," a panel led by Sandra Duckworth.

The highlight of the conference was the keynote speech by Mayor Yukimura, who described her path from councilwoman to, on her third attempt, mayor of Kauai. The mayor received a standing ovation after her presentation.

The Seventh Annual Joint Conference of Women Professionals will be held in October 1990. All professional women are invited to attend, although only attorneys who are members of Hawaii Women Lawyers will receive mailings on the Conference. Anyone interested in helping to plan next year's conference should contact HWL president Ellen Godbey Carson at Paul, Johnson, Alston & Hunt.

Hawaii County Bar Association

By Geraldine Hasegawa

The October meeting of the Hawaii County Bar Association was conducted by Gerard Lee Loy, Vice-President of the County Bar. The luncheon speaker was Jack Durham, Deputy Attorney General in charge of coordinating the Child Support Enforcement Agency's advocacy section. Durham explained to the Bar members the manner in which child support cases are being processed under the administration hearings system.

Among the guests present at the October meeting was Paul Alston, an Oahu attorney seeking the office of vice-president of the Hawaii State Bar. Alston stated his position regarding a number of the issues facing the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii County Bar members decided to defer the acquisition of a Lexis terminal until more information is obtained. Also, the members were informed that Judge Kimura's courtroom was one of the few courtrooms in Hawaii that had videotape equipment installed. The equipment was described as being very sensitive and attorneys were cautioned to be careful.

The Bar members enthusiastically supported a holiday party with West Hawaii Bar members. Fred Gianini was designated as the Hawaii County Bar's representative in charge of coordinating the November gathering.

The big news in the Hilo legal community was the announcement of the departure of Bob Bethea, Mike Medeiros, and Al Konishi of the Carlsmith firm to Case & Lynch. Joining the Carlsmith firm is Tim Lui-Kwan, formerly of Nakamoto, Yoshioka & Okamoto.



Domestic Violence Hotline Seeking Volunteers

The Domestic Violence Legal Hotline has been in operation for more than a year now and continues to receive calls daily from women (and sometimes men) who need information. The Hotline is able to assist women who are not represented by an attorney and are contemplating legal action; the Hotline also receives calls from women who already have had contact with the criminal justice system and either have encountered problems or need more information about how to proceed.

Questions from callers may be answered immediately by the Hotline volunteer or a referral may be made to the appropriate agency whose mission is to provide services to battered women and their families. The Hotline receives more than 60 calls a quarter. Counseling, legal assistance

and emergency referrals are made, as well as referrals to private attorneys. Information about domestic abuse also is given to callers so they may make informed decisions about what to do next — for example, the need for a safety plan is discussed with battered women.

The Hotline is looking for new volunteers. There is an enthusiastic core of volunteers working daily (except Fridays) between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Hotline volunteer staff, please call 531-3771 and leave your name. Training is provided and monthly meetings are held to process Hotline business and to discuss issues of relevance to battered women. Family Law experience is not necessary.

Attorneys Dang and Rush Appointed as ABA Public Service Fund Representatives

Honolulu attorneys Marvin S.C. Dang and Dwight M. Rush have been appointed Hawaii state chairs for the American Bar Association's Fund for Justice and Education. American Bar Association President L. Stanley Chauvin, Jr. recently made the appointments to the Fund's national network.

The ABA's Fund for Justice and Education financially supports nearly 150 law-related public service and educational projects annually. Some of the projects protect the rights of children and the elderly, provide educational materials for schools, and develop ways to improve the justice system.

Both Marvin Dang, on behalf of ABA's Young Lawyers Division, and Dwight Rush, on behalf of the senior bar, will act as local representatives for the Fund's contacts with lawyers in Hawaii.

"Lawyers have a responsibility to the public, as well as to their clients," Marvin Dang said. "We must improve the administration of justice and help citizens understand their rights under the law. Through the ABA Fund for Justice and Education, we are working toward these goals."



New Administrative Director for Judiciary Named

Chief Justice Herman Lum announced today that Irwin I. Tanaka has been appointed by the Supreme Court as the Judiciary's new Administrative Director of the Courts. Effective on November 16, 1989, Tanaka replaced retired Judge Toshimi Sodehara, who has been serving as interim administrative director since the resignation of Janice Wolf in June of this year.

Tanaka retired in July 1983, after having served more than 14 years as the director of the Governor's State Law Enforcement and Juvenile Delinquency Planning Agency. His professional career also includes various teaching and administrative posts in the Hawaii State Department of Education from 1955 to 1969.

Tanaka received his bachelor's degree in sociology and master's degree in social work from Michigan State University. He also earned a master's degree in educational counseling from the University of Hawaii, and a doctor's degree in educational psychology from Michigan State University.



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