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Letter to the Editor

The proposed "Practice Manual" to be added to Rule 84 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure suggests the following new language and deletions for Form 9-Complaint for Negligence:

3. As a result plaintiff's [was] *leg was broken when* thrown down [and had his leg broken] and was otherwise injured, was prevented from transacting [his] business, suffered great pain of body and mind, and incurred expenses for medical attention and hospitalization in the sum of one thousand dollars.

If my understanding of the English language is correct this paragraph, as revised, alleges that the plaintiff's leg was thrown down and broken, that the plaintiff's leg was other injured, that the plaintiff's leg was prevented from transacting business, that the plaintiff's leg incurred expenses for medical attention and hospitalization in the sum of one thousand dollars.

I for one would like to thank the Advisory Committee on the Federal Civil Rules for adding some humor to these otherwise dull pleadings.

H. WILLIAM BURGESS

Hawaii Women Lawyers

By Ellen Godbey Carson
1989 HWL President

As we conclude our 1989 activities, Hawaii Women Lawyers has enjoyed a year of increasing progress on gender bias and issues affecting women in Hawaii.

HWL was honored in 1989 with state and national awards for its continuing leadership in women's rights issues. In April, HWL received the YWCA Enrichment Award for our advocacy efforts toward improving the lives of women in Hawaii. At the ABA National Convention in August, HWL received First Place in the ABA/YLD Awards of Achievement Competition, for outstanding activities and accomplishments in a

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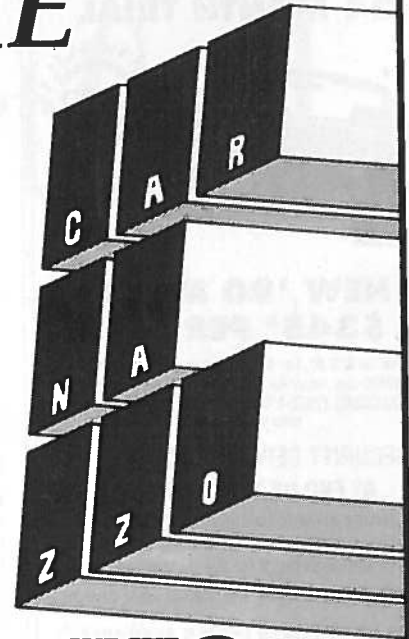
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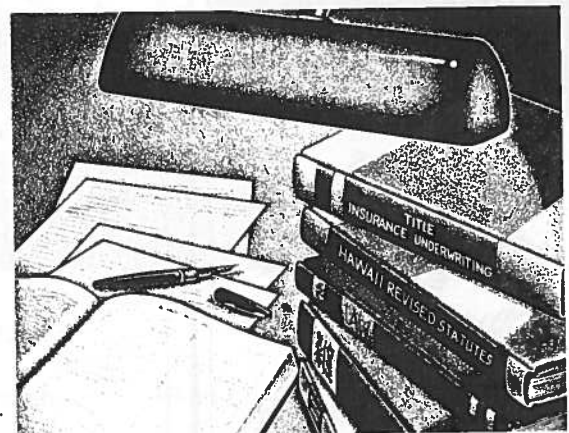


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HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS (Continued from page 15)

single project service to the public — our Domestic Violence Legal Hotline. At the HSBA annual meeting in November, HWL President Ellen Godbey Carson and Secretary Sheryl L. Nicholson were awarded, respectively, the HSBA Pro Bono Award and the HSBA/YLD Justice Award. HWL also celebrates the appointment of one of its prior presidents, Leslie Hayashi, as per diem judge in the District Court. We are pleased with these accomplishments, but know that much work remains to be done.

Major projects for HWL during 1989 included the Domestic Violence Legal Hotline, which expanded into Korean language services; the HWL Legal Rights Handbook for Women in Hawaii, due to be off the presses in January 1990, and filled with almost 200 pages of legal rights information for women; the Early Women Lawyers of Hawaii biography project, combining over 20 historical essays on Hawaii's women attorneys prior to Statehood (still in progress); and efforts to eliminate sex discrimination in Hawaii's private clubs, which enjoy central roles in business, social, and convention activity in Hawaii.

In 1989, HWL co-hosted with HSBA/YLD a series of Lawyer Kokua luncheons providing education to members of the bar from experienced practitioners and members of the judiciary. HWL also co-hosted the Hawaii Annual Conference for Women Professionals, and women's rights activities at the National ABA Convention in Waikiki.

HWL's continuing monthly luncheon program has included speakers on the judicial selection process, reproductive rights, child-care first aid/safety training, zoning by initiative, the Berman (public education) Report, dealing with stress, and report on legal rights in the Soviet Union. In the legislative area, HWL has provided public testimony and expertise on issues of family leave, domestic violence, reproductive rights, gender bias, and career opportunities.

In response to national events involving reproductive rights, HWL

has participated as *amicus curiae* before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services* and three subsequent abortion rights cases, urging protection of women's right to safe abortion services. HWL also helped lead the April 6, 1989, Rally for Women's Lives and Women's Equality at the State Capitol, drawing hundreds of residents from across the state in support of reproductive rights.

In reviewing our 1989 activities and accomplishments, I wish to extend a very special thanks to each person who has helped participate in and support these projects, and especially to our 1989 officers and directors: Vice President Corianne Lau, Secretary Susan Jaworowski, Treasurer Michelle Tucker, and Directors Sheryl Nicholson, Linnell Nishioka, Hisae Ishii-Chang, Cynthia Farias, and Lissa Andrews.

Family Court Bulletin

By Daniel G. Heely
Senior Family Court Judge

The next time you visit Family Court, please say a good word to our outstanding staff. To highlight the commitment and dedication of our hardworking judges and staff, consider that during the last six months of 1989:

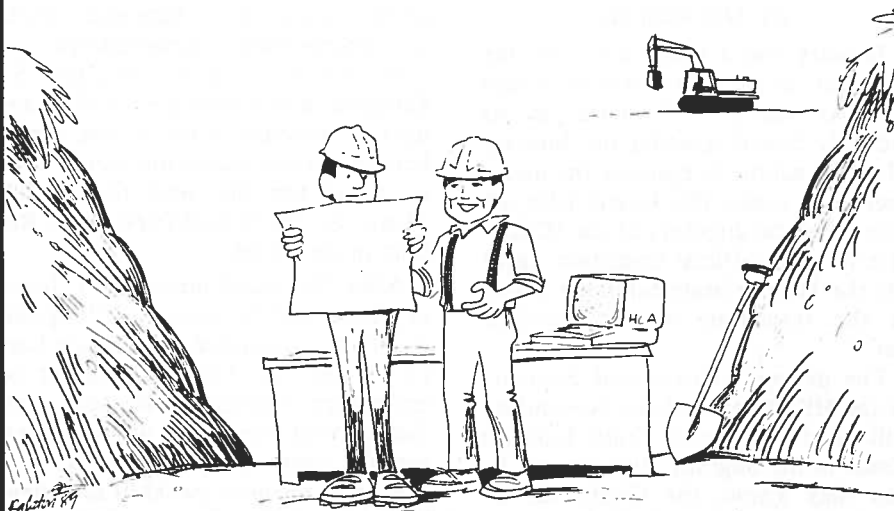
1. Over 40,000 people came to Family Court;
2. Over 13,000 cases were handled by Family Court;
3. Over \$78,000 was spent for witness fees for more than 3,500 witnesses in juvenile and adult criminal cases.

In spite of these heavy caseloads, our Family Court has made great progress in eliminating or substantially reducing delays and backlogs. This achievement is due to the dedication and perseverance of all of our staff.

We are respectfully requesting that the 1990 Legislature create two additional District Family Court judgeships for Oahu. The Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association has gone on record sup-

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