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May Meeting: Current Reproductive Rights Issues

Date: Friday, May 25, 1990

Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Cades Schutte Fleming and Wright

1000 Bishop Street, 10th Floor Conference Room

Topic: Networking

Please join Lorraine Akiba (a partner at Cades, Schutte, Fleming and Wright and President of THWLF) and Trudy Burns (an associate at Chun, Kerr & Dodd and a member of Professional Women's Network) for a brown bag luncheon focusing on the "how to's" of networking. Both speakers will provide practical tips on how to network and the importance of networking for building professional contacts, possible new clients for your firm, and new job opportunities for yourself. Please join us for what promises to be a great session. See you there!

Save July 5 for THWLF Luncheon Celebration

Save July 5 for a wonderful luncheon celebrating the authors and contributors for HWL's new publication: *Our Rights, Our Lives, A Guide to Women's Legal Rights in Hawaii*. The Hawaii Women Lawyers' Foundation is sponsoring the celebration, which will feature Rep. Pat Saiki as speaker. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail; R.S.V.P. promptly, as this will be a sellout!

Annelle Amaral Helps Obtain \$75,000 for HWL Hotline

Rep. Annelle Amaral saved the day in helping HWL obtain \$75,000 from the State Legislature for HWL's Domestic Violence Legal Hotline. HWL had filed a request for state funds to increase the coverage and efficiency of the Hotline, but in the last days of the Legislature's hectic budget activities, it appeared we would receive \$0. Annelle Amaral's singular efforts helped find sufficient funds to hire staff for the Hotline and greatly increase its services. This is a great project, and we hope you will find time to write or call Rep. Amaral (548-2215) to thank her for her dedication to this valuable project. The Hotline will still use all volunteer attorneys for supervision, and is in need of your help. Please call Sheryl Nicholson (524-1212).

Renewal Time for HWL Dues

June is HWL's dues renewal month; if you have not already renewed your membership, please do so at this time. (Your mailing label reflects the date your dues expire). Your dues are doing more than ever, as they help support HWL's many projects, plus your monthly newsletter and copy of Our Rights, Our Lives.

Meet HWL's New Public Relations Experts

HWL is pleased to announce our new relationship with two public relations experts, whose volunteer time and talents have been producing some great results for HWL and THWLF. Marilyn McCormick, of McCormick Communications (528-2044), is assisting THWLF in publicizing HWL's new legal rights handbook, and increasing THWLF's financial base for its grants to HWL. Len Tai Matthews, of Hill & Knowlton (521-5391) is assisting HWL in publicizing HWL's major projects and developing plans for enhancement of HWL's membership and programs. Many thanks to these two women for their continuing assistance! We hope you have the chance to call on their talents when your business or organization needs effective public relations work.

ABA Pro-Choice Position Challenged

In February, the ABA House of Delegates adopted a pro-choice position by a vote of 238 to 106, supporting a woman's reproductive rights as recognized in Roe v. Wade. Please help us thank Hawaii's ABA delegates Burnham Greeley, Esq. and Vernon Char, Esq. both of whom voted in support of the pro-choice resolution (Resolution 196C). Despite the wide margin of support for this resolution, choice opponents now seek to rescind this position at the upcoming ABA annual meeting in Chicago. Both the current and in-coming ABA presidents are opposed to the pro-choice position. This would be a good time to start or renew your ABA membership, with a note of support on pro-choice, or to register for and attend the Chicago ABA meeting on August 6 and vote pro-choice. For further information, call Lorraine Akiba (521-9200).

Kudos to HWL Program Speakers

Many thanks to recent HWL program speakers who have energized and educated us on some timely topics: Judith Sterling for last minute tax tips and advice in March; Cheryl Vasconcellos and Ellen Godbey Carson for an April update on reproductive rights; and Judge Marilyn Lee and Adrienne King in the Mock Trial on Acquaintance Rape at UH East-West Center.

Be an Arbitrator for the Medical Claims Panel

The Medical Claims Conciliation Panel (MCCP) needs a few good women and men to act as panel members at its arbitration hearings. This is an excellent opportunity to diversify your skills, gain some judicial/arbitration experience, and contribute to alternative dispute resolution, all at once! Each claim is heard by a panel of three arbitrators (two lawyers and one physician), who decide liability and damages issues based on oral testimony and other evidence presented in a very informal hearing format. Hearings generally last only half a day, but occasionally go all day. The pay is \$300.00 per case, including attendance at the hearing, review of records, and post-hearing decision.

Toby Bailin, Administrator of the M CCP, is looking for attorney panel members who are members of Hawaii bar with a year or more litigation experience, and a balanced legal background providing the appearance of objectivity in medical claims. Any interested persons should send a resume and cover letter to Ms. Bailin at the M CCP, 1010 Richards Street, Room 300, Honolulu, HI 96813 (548-6245).

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Sheryl L. Nicholson, who is now a partner at Paul, Johnson, Alston & Hunt. Sheryl's practice is concentrated in matters of commercial litigation. She is Secretary of HWL and Coordinator of HWL's Domestic Violence Legal Hotline.

Best wishes to Corianne Lau in her new position as Executive Director of the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education (HICLE). Cori is a former associate with Alcantara and Frame and a prior Director and Vice-President of HWL. Her new address is 2515 Dole Street, Room 203, Honolulu, HI 96822-2369 (948-6551).

We also celebrate new beginnings for Trudy M. Burns, who is now an associate with Chun, Kerr, Dodd & Kaneshige. Trudy previously worked as a licensed realtor in Hawaii, and is now HWL's Co-Chair for the Networking Committee. Trudy's address is 14th Floor, Amfac Building, 700 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813-4188 (531-6575).

Ellen Godbey Carson (HWL's President) was honored as the outstanding professional at YWCA's Leader Luncheon Awards of Achievement, for her continuing work for women's rights, reproductive rights, and Japanese American redress. Ellen is an attorney with Paul, Johnson, Alston & Hunt.

EVENTS

Arbitration Seminar - A free brown bag luncheon seminar on arbitration will be held on June 6, featuring Presiding Arbitration Judge Ed Aoki. The meeting will be held at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, 3rd Floor, Old Federal Building, 335 Merchant Street, and is part of the Lawyer Kokua Program, a project of HSBA/YLD and HWL.

The Professional Women's Network luncheon is on Monday, May 21, at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. Gavan Daws, Author of Hawaii 1959-1989: The First Thirty Years of the Aloha State, will speak on "The Next Thirty Years in Hawaii." Lunch is \$15; R.S.V.P. at 533-4800.

The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations is having its annual meeting in Chicago, on August 3-5, 1990, to coincide with the ABA convention (beginning in Chicago on August 6. Call Lorraine Akiba for details (521-9200).

Women's Financial Planning Workshops will be offered free on June 14 and 15, 7-9pm, and on June 16 (all day), for \$150 fee. The seminars are entitled "Money and Your Life Plan," and are intended to help you identify your financial needs and goals, and learn proven money management techniques. Call Patricia Jones at 395-3130 for details.

Developing Your Image as a Successful Woman - The Institute for Professional Businesswomen offers a dynamic one-day seminar (\$99 fee) that promises to "give you the skills you need to put your career on the fast track," or give your money back! June 29, 9am-4pm. Call 1-800-255-6139 for details.

HWL MEMBERSHIP

HWL invites you to become a member, or to renew your membership dues, if you have not already done so. (The date on your address label shows the last date your dues are current). Please send the following form to HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. Dues are as follows:

Regular members \$30 Out-of-state members \$20 Student members \$10
New admittees (within 1 year of Hawaii admission) \$20

HWL President's Circle: \$100 \$500 \$1000 (circle one)

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Please note any topics or projects in which you are interested in assisting

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