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July Monthly Meeting: Living Wills

Date: Friday, July 27, 1990

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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

Topic: Living Wills

With the United States Supreme Court's decision in Nancy Cruzan, and the Hawaii Family Court's decision in Shirley Crabtree, the issues of the right to die and the withdrawal or withholding of medical treatment have been thrust into the public spotlight. These cases underscore the need to prepare the proper documentation to make sure that the wishes of yourself, your family, and/or your clients are respected. Please join Jeffrey Crabtree, a Honolulu attorney who had to face this very difficult question personally. Mr. Crabtree will provide some salient facts and points for this crucial and developing area of law. Please join us. As this program and all educational programs by HWL are open to the public, please

invite anyone else you think may be interested.

THWLF Luncheon Recognizes Contributors to HWL Legal Rights Handbook

On July 5, The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation (THWLF) celebrated the successful publication of HWL's Legal Rights Handbook, Our Rights, Our Lives, with a luncheon recognizing the generous efforts of the editors, writers, and contributors to the publication. Approximately one hundred people attended the luncheon and heard Congresswoman Pat Saiki describe continuing gender bias problems in federal laws, which the Congressional Women's Caucus is seeking to address. We owe special thanks to the many people who have helped make this publication and luncheon a success:

Editors: Liz Fujiwara, Leslie Hayashi, Jean Polhamus Creadick

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The Nancy J. Stivers Memorial Fund

By *Richard Clifton*, Chair of Distribution Committee

The Nancy J. Stivers Memorial Fund was established in 1984 as an activity of The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation. The Fund was created as a memorial to Ms. Stivers, who died in an automobile accident at the age of 34, after serving as President of Hawaii Women Lawyers and as one of the founders and the first President of The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation.

The stated purposes of the Fund are to advance the cause of equal rights for women and others and to improve the administration of justice in Hawaii. The Fund has awarded scholarships and emergency financial assistance to students at the Richardson School of Law, and in one instance provided a partial scholarship to a Hawaii resident to attend a Mainland law school. The Fund has financed several projects of Hawaii Women Lawyers, including support for the legal rights handbook "Our Rights, Our Lives", the women lawyers survey, the women lawyers directory, a communications seminar, and research on pay equity. Grants have also been made to other local organizations providing services to disadvantaged women, including the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, family shelters in all four counties, Women Helping Women, and Na Loio no na Kanaka, among others.

The Stivers Fund now has over \$200,000 in assets, the income from which, after payment of expenses and allowance for inflation, is available for distribution. The budget for 1990, for example, provides for total distributions up to \$7,000. That is not a large sum, but it is hoped that it can, judiciously applied, make a difference for particular projects and for the lives of affected persons.

The Distribution Committee of the Fund has recently been reconstituted as the Unified Grant Distribution Committee for the Foundation generally, with responsibilities as well for the Foundation's other endowment accounts, including the C. Frederick Schutte Fund. The Committee

gives preference to requests for scholarship aid, funding for specific projects, or the acquisition, upgrading, or replacement of capital assets. Grants for operating expenses, although not ordinarily favored, have been made in certain circumstances. For further information, contact the Distribution Committee Chairperson, Rick Clifton, at 521-9338.

Announcements

Angie King Leaves Hawaii

We bid a fond farewell to Angie King, who moved to California in June, after serving as an officer of Hawaii Women Lawyers, The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation, and the Hawaii Women's Political Caucus, as well as a trial lawyer for the Public Defenders Office. Angie was a model of inspiration, energy and dedication to the advancement of women. She will be missed by the many personal and professional friends she made. Angie and her husband Gary Rogers will make their new home at 875 Upham Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Patsy Mink runs for Congress

Former Congresswoman and HWL member Patsy T. Mink has announced her candidacy for the same Congressional seat she held for 12 years (2nd District, covering rural Oahu and Neighbor Islands). That seat was recently vacated when Daniel Akaka was appointed to the U.S. Senate. Mink served on the Education and Labor Committee, Interior, and Budget Committees during her Congressional tenure. She introduced the first child care bill in Congress (which passed Congress but was vetoed by Pres. Nixon). She was author of the Women's Educational Equity Act, and sponsored numerous sex equity bills, including Title IX. She is the sole female contender for the seat, facing Mufi Hanneman, Ron Menor, Mike Crozier, and Andy Poipoi.

Cynthia Thielen runs for State House

HWL member Cynthia Thielen has announced her candidacy for the State House of Representatives, 19th District (Kailua/Makapua). Thielen, a Republican candidate, has a strong record on environmental issues, was Vice-President of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, and a former President of the Hawaii Children's Museum. She has been endorsed by the Hawaii State Teachers Association and says she is "looking forward to being an education advocate in the Legislature." Her candidacy will also offer an important choice on reproductive rights; Thielen is pro-choice, while her Democratic opponent, Ed Bybee, is a member of Hawaii Right to Life who opposes women's right to abortion. Thielen has resided on the windward side since 1967, where her four children were raised.

Business Associate Wanted

Paul Johnson Alston and Hunt seeks an associate with 2-4 years business experience for its business and real estate section (including corporate formations, partnerships, non-profit organizations, real estate and PUC work). Any interested person should send a resume, writing sample, and cover letter to Hiring Partner, Paul Johnson Alston and Hunt, P.O. Box 4438, Honolulu, 96812-4438.

Perinatal Addiction Conference

A Conference on "Perinatal Addiction: Medical, Social and Legal Dilemmas for the 1990's," will be held on August 22, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, sponsored by MothersCare, HMSA, and Kapiolani Hospital (\$55 fee includes lunch). For more information, call Ms. Pat Farstrup at 735-3056.

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. (Dues run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.) 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 would be interested in assisting

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