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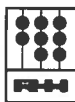
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Hawaii Women Lawyers

*HWL Student Division Activities
by Janice Weir*

President, HWL Student Division

The Student Division of Hawaii Women Lawyers (HWL-SD) has been very active during the 1989-90 school year. Our projects included: gathering and delivering donations of goods for the battered women's shelter; fundraising and community outreach at the Women's Fair, held to celebrate Women's Equality Day; and sponsoring a feminist topics writing contest for law students. In addition, HWL-SD hosted a luncheon and seminar for incoming students, as well as hosting a luncheon for our sister group, Hawaii Women Lawyers.

Our three major projects this past year dealt with topics relating to women law students. First, the group co-sponsored a panel discussion on alternatives in law which focused on the practice of public interest law. Guest speakers included Elizabeth Fujiwara (solo practitioner), Bill Hoshijo (founder of Na Loio No Kanaka), Arnie Lum (Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund), and Ed Ayau (Native Hawaiian Legal Corp.). The panel discussion, held at the law school, drew a diverse audience. Advocates for Public Interest Law (APIL) and the Environment Law Society were co-sponsors.

Second, HWL-SD held a seminar for members engaged in the second-year interviewing process, where firms and organizations come to the law school looking for potential employees. Of particular concern was the very real possibility that interviewers would ask women interviewees inappropriate or illegal gender-based questions. This issue has received national attention in the past few years, and William S. Richardson School of Law is not immune, as we have found through practical experience. Our group addressed the problem by utilizing members' expertise in interviewing, and creating mock interview sessions designed to acquaint members with both gender-related questions and strategies for answering them. These self-help techniques allowed us to share the varied talents available in the student group.

Third, our group was in a unique position to critique the draft of the University of Hawaii-Manoa Sexual Harassment Policy. Because a member of the Student Division of Hawaii Women Lawyers served in an individual capacity on Pres-

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served in an individual capacity on President Simone's Sexual Harassment Task Force for over a year, the student group was added to the list of organizations that were to review the policy. As students, we felt the most exciting and positive outcome of the draft policy was the newly-created student advocate position. The advocate's position, according to the policy, would be filled by someone trained in law and sympathetic to women's concerns. Of course, as law students, we feel that someone trained in law is the best choice, and as women, we feel someone sensitive to women's issues will best be able to deal with sexual harassment victims, 95% of whom are women.

Finally, the Student Division of Hawaii Women Lawyers was involved in two campus-wide projects: we created and circulated petitions to support *Voices*, The UHM Women's Newsjournal, in their effort to obtain funding from the UHM Board of Publications; and we sent a representative to the Women's Center Collective, which is creating a UHM Women's Center.

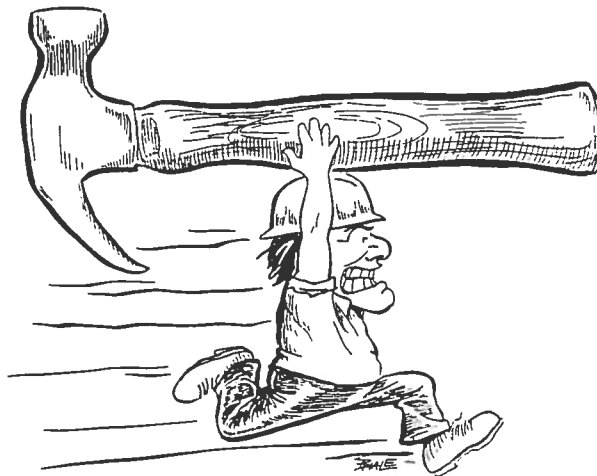
We look forward to the upcoming school year. The Student Division plans to co-sponsor a panel discussion on sexual harassment with Hawaii Women Lawyers which will take place at the law school and will address the specific concerns of students. We will also continue our discussions on interviewing, and expanding those discussions to include law school administration and firms.

Judicial Reappointment

The following First Circuit per diem judge's term is expiring on the date shown. This per diem judge has informed Chief Justice Herman Lum he wishes to be considered for reappointment. Anyone having any comments concerning the possible reappointments of this per diem judge should send written comments to: Judge Daniel G. Heely, Chair; Committee to Evaluate Qualifications of Per Diem Judges in the First Circuit; Family Court; 777 Punchbowl Street; Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 NO LATER THAN Sept. 30, 1990. If anyone desires to appear before the Committee to Evaluate Qualifications of Per Diem Judges in the First Circuit, please call Helen at 548-6305 for an appointment.

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