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September Meeting: Gender Fairness in the Judiciary

Date: THURSDAY, September 27, 1990 (New Day)

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Cades, Schutte, Fleming and Wright
1000 Bishop Street, 10th Floor Conf. Room

Topic: Gender Fairness in the Judiciary

Gender fairness in the Judiciary has been a hot topic within and without the Bar and we are very fortunate to have the Honorable Judge Daniel Heely, Co-chairperson of the Gender Fairness Committee for the Judiciary, as a guest speaker. Judge Heely will give us an update on the committee's work as well as receive any input that you have on this crucial issue. It should be an interesting and informative session. See you there!

This program and all educational programs put on by the HWL are open to the public, so if you know of someone who may be interested in this issue, please forward this information to them.

Recap of August Meeting:

Sexual Harassment Policy at University of Hawaii

As some of you may be aware, the University of Hawaii currently has no policy on sexual harassment other than a short four-page statement. The work on the sexual harassment policy started with a task force whose work culminated in a sixty-five page document. The document has gone through numerous revisions. Several of the panelists voiced criticisms of the latest draft. One of the chief criticisms is that the Advocate for the victims of sexual harassment would be an employee of the University and under the Vice President of Academic Affairs, and would not be independent as had been urged by the task force.

Many thanks to the panelists: Dr. Madeleine Goodman, Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, April Wilson-South, Editor of Voices and a member of the task force, Elizabeth Jubin Fujiwara, HWL member and advisor to the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii on this issue and attorney-at-law, Adrienne Valdez, Chairperson of the Task Force and K. Mark Takai, Master of Ceremonies. Also thanks to the University of Hawaii School of Law for generously allowing us to use the law school facilities and for providing refreshments for the meeting. Lastly, thanks to the Hawaii Women Lawyers-Student Division for all their hard work on this program.

Discriminatory Memberships Prohibited

Effective July 24, 1990, attorneys and judges are prohibited from holding "membership in any organization that practices invidious discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion or national origin" by Order of the Hawaii Supreme Court. The Order amends Disciplinary Rule 1-102(A) by adding paragraph (7) and the Code of Judicial Conduct by adding paragraph C to Canon 2.

Domestic Violence Legal Hotline Wins 1990 Health Promotion Award

The Domestic Violence Legal Hotline won the 1990 Hawaii Community Health Promotion Award for the County of Honolulu. The award is sponsored by the Hawaii State Department of Health to recognize significant health promotion programs that address a priority health issue in Hawaii.

The Hotline provides information on reporting abuse to the police and obtaining a restraining order; legal rights and options, including divorce issues; child custody and support; division of property and other community resources; effects on children; risks and safety plans for abused women and their children's protection.

The Hotline program was begun by Leslie Hayashi, Joyce Neeley, Sheryl Nicholson and Jo Kim of Hawaii Women Lawyers, Hawaii Lawyers Care, and Nancy Kriedman, consultant on domestic abuse issues. Kim and Kriedman operate the Hotline.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women nominated the Hotline for the 1990 award. TO GET HELP OR INFORMATION, CALL THE HOTLINE AT 531-3771, MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

"Practical Pointers" Seminar

The Lawyer Kokua Program will host its monthly brown bag luncheon seminar on "Practical Pointers" on October 3, 1990 from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, third floor, Old Federal Building, 335 Merchant Street. Seminar speakers will be Gerald H. Kibe, Leslie K. Iozkovitz,, and Jacqueline L.S. Earle.

Women of Color at the Center:

Third National Conference on Women of Color and the Law

Stanford Law School hosts the Third National Conference on Women of Color and the Law on October 6-7, 1990. Through panels, informal workshops and problem-solving caucuses, legal and non-legal scholars and practitioners who place women at the center, in theory and practice, will examine a broad spectrum of issues, including: reproductive rights, AIDS in our communities, drug-addicted babies, access to prenatal care, bilingual education, hazards in the workplace, diversity in legal education, litigation strategies, homelessness, domestic violence, hate crimes, rape, heterosexism and legal status, immigration policy, employment discrimination, public benefits, pay equity, affirmative action, coalition building and a women of color legal defense fund.

For more information, contact: Women of Color Conference, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA 94305, Phone (415) 723-8014.

Women's Conference October 20, 1990

A Women's Conference commemorating the "Year of Hawaii's Women" will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on October 20, 1990 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The conference, sponsored by the Associated Chinese University Women in cooperation with the Chinese Women's Club and the Hawaii Chapter of the Organization of Chinese American Women, will include workshops on issues pertaining to medicine, law, business, personal, family and politics and a luncheon featuring a keynote speaker and entertainment. For further information, contact Anita Wong at 595-8231.

Sixth Annual Utility Women's Conference

In conjunction with its Centennial Year celebration, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. is hosting the Sixth Annual Utility Women's Conference on October 16-18, 1990 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The conference program focuses on Hawaii's alternate energy projects and pending non-oil resources, as well as the emerging Pacific/Asian market and its relevance to the United States. The program includes a tour of the Hawaiian Electric Renewable Systems windfarm and an optional post-conference tour of the Natural Energy Laboratory and the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park on the Big Island.

For conference information and registration materials, contact Betty Ann Splinter, UWC Conference Coordinator, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., P. O. Box 2750, Honolulu, Hawaii 96840, phone 543-7547, FAX 543-7523.

Biography Project Update

Harriet Bouslog, long-time labor lawyer and one of seventeen women lawyers featured in the upcoming book, "Early Women Lawyers of Hawaii," announced in late August that she will be making an additional gift of \$5,150 to the HWL biography project. Ms. Bouslog's initial gift of \$10,000 in 1988 supports a major part of the book's production costs. The additional funds will be used to underwrite the expenses for special presentation books (for judges and other dignitaries), a publication reception, and travel costs for Professor Barbara Babcock of Stanford Law School. Professor Babcock, who recently accepted the Projects Committee's invitation to write the Foreword for the book, plans to join HWL and its co-sponsors at the publication gala.

The final manuscript is being readied for production by the University of Hawaii Press. Because of a heavy production schedule for Fall 1990 and Spring 1991, the Press estimates publication of the biographical essays will occur in late Summer 1991. In addition to the Foreword and seventeen essays, the book will include an Introduction by Professor Mari Matsuda, who serves as editor, an Epilogue by Agnes Conrad, former State Archivist, and more than fifty pictures of these pioneer women lawyers and their families.

Announcements

Special thanks to Ellen Godbey Carson for her efforts and dedication in directing the publication of the HWL Newsletter. The newly-formed HWL Newsletter Committee welcomes your input and membership. Please contact Susan Arinaga at 543-4791 or Kathy Young at 523-0111 if you would like to join the committee or share your ideas.

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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