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November Monthly Meeting: Family Leave Brochure Premieres!

Date: Friday, November 30, 1990

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (New Time)

Place: Plaza Club, 20th Floor (New Place)
Pioneer Plaza Building

Topic: Family Leave Brochure Premieres!

We cordially invite you to our official family leave brochure premiere. After several years of very hard work by Rhonda Griswold and Beverly Wee, our family leave brochure has finally been printed and will make its official debut on November 30, 1990 with a gala celebration at the Plaza Club. It is a good time to meet new people and catch up with old friends. Please join us!!! For further information, please call Linnel Nishioka at 543-5018.

HWL Directory Coming Soon!

HWL has undertaken the ambitious project of creating a Directory of all women lawyers in Hawaii. The Directory is designed to increase the visibility, leadership and business opportunities of Hawaii's women attorneys, as well as to provide a valuable legal resource for the State of Hawaii. It will provide more useful biographical and legal practice information than either the HSBA Directory or Martindale-Hubbell, including attorneys' experience and areas of practice, as well as their interest in client referrals, public speaking opportunities, appointments to boards and commissions, and media contacts. The Directory will also introduce a new TalentShare program, in which interested attorneys provide free five-minute consultations to other attorneys.

The Directory will be free to HWL members in good standing; the price for non-members and for additional copies will be \$3.00. Look for distribution in early 1991.

In order to obtain information for the Directory, HWL will be sending out questionnaires shortly. Please fill in the questionnaires and return them promptly so that you can be included in this important new resource that will help increase the success of all of Hawaii's women attorneys!

THWLF/HWL Joint Committee on Judicial Selection

Earlier this year, THWLF and HWL formed a joint committee on judicial selection whose mission is to increase the number of women judges and women candidates for judicial positions. Since its inception, committee members have spent countless hours meeting with almost all members of the Judicial Selection Commission, the Chief Justice and the Governor to discuss the need for more women judges and the means by which that goal could be accomplished; meeting with the women candidates to provide them with information on and guidance in the judicial selection process; and recommending candidates to the Judicial Selection Commission. In order to protect candidates and to promote the committee's effectiveness, the committee's work is confidential.

Judge Heely, who heads up the Judiciary's Gender and Other Fairness Committee, has been a devoted supporter of the joint committee's work. His attendance at the joint committee meetings with Judicial Selection Commission members, the chief justice and the governor lent credibility to the joint committee's efforts and were much appreciated.

This Committee plans to lobby for more women (perhaps non-lawyers) to be appointed to the Judicial Selection Commission. Appointments are to be made for members whose terms are expiring in April 1991. Of equal importance is the appointment of men and women judges whose views are gender neutral.

Judicial Selection Commission Openings

HWL is recruiting interested candidates for anticipated openings on the Judicial Selection Commission in 1991. The Judicial Selection Commission has the crucial responsibility for selection of candidates for judicial openings at the District Courts, Circuit Courts, Intermediate Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court, and for reviewing retention applications from current judges serving on those courts. The Commission has nine members, each of whom serves a six-year term, without compensation. In 1991, we anticipate three openings for Commission members: one member (attorney) will be elected by members of the HSBA; one member (non-attorney) will be appointed by the Chief Justice, and one member (non-attorney) will be appointed by the Governor.

A Commission member is prohibited from running for or holding an elected office, or taking an active role in political management or in political campaigns, and is also barred from being considered for a judicial appointment for a period of three years after serving on the Commission.

If you are interested in being a Commission member, or know someone who is, please call Rai Saint Chu at 528-4000 or Lorraine Akiba at 521-9200.

THWLF Nominations and Annual Meeting

The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation is seeking nominations for new members, officers and directors. THWLF needs lawyers and non-lawyers with skills and experience in the areas of business, finance, fundraising, politics, lobbying, or public relations and with a commitment to advancing the status of women in the legal profession and the community. Names of nominees should be given to one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Rai Saint Chu (528-4000); Joyce Neeley (531-9797) or Carol Mon Lee (523-2144).

New officers, directors and members will be installed at THWLF's annual meeting, to be held on January 9, 1991.

Getting Women onto Board and Commissions

Last session, Hawaii women lawmakers urged Governor Waihee to appoint women to at least half of the openings that come up on boards and commissions, particularly those that have great influence on the economy, development, land use, etc., where few if any women have served. The Legislature passed a resolution, introduced by the women legislators, for that purpose. Women's organizations scrambled to get applications submitted by the deadline.

To date, 574 women and 712 men, appointed by the Governor, serve on 152 boards, commissions and committees. Now, women make up 50 percent of appointees, up from last year's approximately 28 percent, a very respectable increase overall.

To find out about upcoming vacancies, call the Governor's office at 548-4546, or call the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women at 548-4199.

HWL Legislative Committee to Convene

If you are interested in becoming part of the Legislative Committee and working with an exciting team to support legislation during the 1991 Legislative Session, please contact Legislative Committee Chairperson, Sara Lyn Smith at 523-7011 or FAX 523-7013 before December 1, 1990.

Rights Groups Condemn Veto

Hawaii Women Lawyers joined with other Hawaii civil rights, labor and community groups at a press conference on Saturday, October 27, to condemn President Bush's action in vetoing the Civil Rights Act of 1990. The press conference took place at the East-West Center during the President's visit with Pacific region leaders.

Representatives of numerous organizations joined together to decry the President's veto, stating: "We support civil rights for all, not a 'kinder, gentler nation' just for some. We will not let the President turn back the clock on civil rights, along with increasingly conservative courts and the David Dukes of the country. . . . We join with others nationwide in the resolve to fight until this national shame is corrected."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Hawaii Lawyers Care Staff Attorney

Jayne Hirata joined Hawaii Lawyers Care as its new staff attorney on October 25. Jayne grew up in Hawaii and got her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Hawaii. She graduated from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles in 1988. After passing the California bar exam, she worked for a small insurance firm for a year before deciding to return to Hawaii. Prior to joining Hawaii Lawyers Care, Jayne worked at the Waianae branch of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii.

Adele MacLean Passes Virginia Bar

Congratulations to Adele MacLean, who wrote to announce that she passed the Virginia bar exam this past July on her first try!



Happy Thanksgiving To All!!

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)

Name _____ Phone (day) _____ (night) _____

Mailing Address _____

Please indicate if you are interested in information about serving on the HWL Board or Committees

Please note any topics or projects in which you would be interested in assisting

Moved? Name change? Receiving duplicates? Please send old mailing label with corrections to HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. If you have any announcements you wish to submit for the monthly newsletter, please call Susan Arinaga at 543-4791 or Kathy Young at 523-0111, or send a copy to HWL by the end of every month.

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