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## AUGUST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

### UPDATE ON WOMEN AND THE LAW — PATSY MINK DISCUSSES TITLE IX OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 1992 (note new day)

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Richards Street YWCA, 1040 Richards Street

Hawaii Women Lawyers is very pleased to announce its new series of four lunchtime programs on women's legal rights in Hawaii, called **UPDATE ON WOMEN AND THE LAW**. HWL is honored to have United States Congresswoman Patsy Mink as the lead-off speaker for the opening program of our series. Representative Mink will discuss the scope and recent changes in Title IX of the Higher Education Act, a federal law which guarantees equality of educational opportunity for girls and women. Representative Mink, one of the first women attorneys in the state of Hawaii, is a strong advocate for the rights of women as participants in higher education and as healthcare consumers.

This new brown-bag lunch series is co-sponsored by the YWCA of Oahu and is based on HWL's award-winning handbook, *Our Rights, Our Lives: A Guide to Women's Legal Rights in Hawai'i*. Look for future programs on women's prison issues, age discrimination, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. For further information, contact Ramona Hussey at 537-5300.

## DUES REMINDER — PLEASE SUPPORT HWL

If you have not yet mailed in your dues, please do so as soon as possible! Keep your membership current and maintain your support for the many HWL projects, educational seminars and community activities. You may use the form on the back of the newsletter. **DON'T DELAY!** To those of you who have already mailed in your dues, many thanks for your continued support.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF HWL MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Board of Hawaii Women Lawyers has received several requests for the HWL membership list from persons wishing to use the list for a variety of purposes, both commercial and non-commercial. The HWL membership list is available only to HWL members in good standing, provided that the user furnishes HWL with a sample of the material being mailed to the members. For further information, contact Trudy Burns at 531-6575.

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### FROM THE HAWAII WOMEN'S LEGAL FOUNDATION

#### FUNDRAISER SEAT SALES ARE GOING STRONG

HWLF has raised over \$32,000 in sales and donations for its September 10th fundraiser, "A Conversation with Our Mayors: Choices, Challenges and Changes." Hosting the mayors at the Honor Tables will be Alexander & Baldwin (Mayor Inouye), C. Brewer & Co. (Mayor Lingle), Harriet Bouslog and Stephen Sawyer (Mayor Yukimura) and McCorrison Miho & Miller (Mayor Fasi). Many of Hawaii's leading businesses, law firms and lawyers have also bought tables and seats. More remain available, although like last year, HWLF expects a sell-out crowd.

In addition to a forum featuring the mayors, moderated by Emme Tomimbang, the program will feature a narrated slide show with excerpts from the soon-to-be-released biography, *Called From Within: Early Women Lawyers of Hawaii*. For a sneak preview of the book and the slide show, see the August issue of *Hawaii Business*, which contains reprints of stories about some of the fascinating women featured in the book. Reservations for

autographed copies of the book will be offered at the silent auction.

Don't miss this unique evening!

#### LINNEL NISHIOKA ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Former HWL President Linnel Nishioka was elected to the Board of Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation to fill the vacancy created by Judge Lea Crandall's resignation. Linnel was an active and dedicated board member last year, in her capacity as HWL president. HWLF looks forward to more of Linnel's valuable input and insights this year.

HWLF thanks Lea for her many years of service on HWLF's board and her continuing work on HWLF's Unified Grant Distribution Committee. Lea's time-consuming duties as a First Circuit Judge led to her decision to resign, a decision which the Board accepted reluctantly.

#### HWLF MEMBERS MEET WITH GOVERNOR

Five members of HWLF met with Governor John Waihee in early July to present him with a letter of appreciation for his efforts in appointing women to the bench and to encour-

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age his continued efforts. In attendance at the meeting were Louise Ing, Rai Saint Chu, Bernice Littman, Linda Martell and Carol Mon Lee.

The five had an informal, frank and enlightening discussion with the Governor about the judicial selection process, which they shared with the Boards of HWLF and Hawaii Women Lawyers.

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## **HSBA ANNOUNCES FREE WORKSHOPS**

### **NEW DATE FOR STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

Friday, September 4, 1992  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
HSBA Conference Room A/B

Dr. Kim Payton, a national consultant on industrial organizational psychology, can teach you and your staff the fundamentals of sensitive listening to motivate, problem solve and communicate more effectively with your staff. Bring along your secretary and other members of your office team!

Co-sponsored by Hawaii Women Lawyers. Seating is limited. Call Nancy at 537-1868.

### **FREE STAFF TRAINING: BUSINESS TELEPHONE TECHNIQUES I & II**

Part I: Basic Telephone Techniques  
Thursday, September 24, 1992  
Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
HSBA Conference Room

Back by popular demand! How your staff answers the telephone makes a big difference in how your office is perceived. To project the best possible image for your firm, send your whole staff to this free workshop. GTE Hawaiian Telephone trainer Barbara Wright will teach you about proper use of names, voice tone, opening statements, placing calls on hold, call screening, handling complaints, message taking, and how to prevent telephone tag.

Part II: Dealing With Problem Callers  
Thursday, August 27, 1992  
Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
HSBA Conference Room

"The Talker," "The Complainer," "The Fighter," and "The Loon." How to handle difficult calls and get on with your day. Pick up hints and exchange ideas with other who share these problems.

Seating for both of these workshops is limited. Call Nancy at 537-1868 today!

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## **BROWN BAG LUNCHEON ON APPELLATE PROCEDURE**

The next brown bag luncheon in the Lawyer Kokua Program will take place on September 2, 1992, from noon until 1:15 p.m. at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, 3rd Floor, 335 Merchant Street. Featured will be Judge James Burns and Justice Ronald Moon discussing appellate procedure. The Lawyer Kokua Program is sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

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## HWL MEMBERSHIP

HWL invites you to become a member, or to renew your membership dues, if you have not already done so. (Dues run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.) Please send the following form to P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. Dues are as follows:

Regular member \$40    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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