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ELECTION OF HWL'S 1993 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The HWL Board of Directors has proposed the following slate of candidates for election by the member ship. To vote, please use the ballot below and place a mark beside the name of the person for whom you are voting. There are blanks if you wish to write in a candidate's name. Please vote only once, and only if you are a dues-paying member of HWL.

Mail the ballot to Hawaii Women Lawyers at P. O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805, no later than January 15, 1993.

BALLOT

Officers:

President:	Corianne Lau	_____
	(HICLE)	
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President Elect:	(Law Offices of Cynthia Thielen)	
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Directors: (Vote for 5)

• Trudy M. Burns	_____
(Chun Kerr et al.)	
Michele E. Chess	_____
(Domestic Violence Clearinghouse)	
Sara R. Harvey	_____
(Stirling & Kleintop)	
• Rhonda A. Nishimura	_____
(Libkuman Ventura et al.)	
Robin Wurtzel	_____
(Na Loio No Na Kanaka)	

Write-in:

- Current HWL officer or director

NEW MONTHLY PROGRAM FORMAT

In response to your requests for more social functions at which women lawyers can meet and support each other, we are changing the format for our monthly membership programs. HWL will begin having our monthly luncheons at the Plaza Club, featuring exciting speakers from the fields of politics, publishing, the law, and more! We will have an opportunity for announcements, networking and discussion with other women lawyers. There will be a small charge to cover the costs of lunch. Watch for announcements on the new program in 1993. Plan to come and bring a friend!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

HWL and the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a joint informational session in January for all those interested in applying for appointment to boards and commissions. Watch for further information in the January newsletter, or call Rhonda at 537-6119.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- Congratulations to Stephanie Rezens, the first woman attorney in Hawaii named to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. There are only ten attorneys in Hawaii who are members of the Academy.
- Carol Mon Lee has been elected to the office of President-Elect of the Hawaii Bar Foundation for 1993. She is currently the Vice President of HBF. The 1992 President of HBF, Charlene Norris, is the first woman to serve as president of that organization.
- Sara Harvey has been appointed to be the Chair of the Domestic Violence Committee of the Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association. The Committee will advise the Family Law Section on domestic violence issues and suggest specific policies and procedures for addressing domestic violence concerns.

New Committee Activities Planned in 1993

As a woman attorney, how will you give back to your community in 1993? Women attorneys are urgently needed to give their time and talents in the areas of sexual harassment training and legislation, reproductive rights, family leave, women in prison, domestic violence, career opportunities and legislative research. Please call Laura Thielen at 599-4141 if you can contribute to the work of HWL by chairing or serving on one of our committees.

FOUR WAYS TO SUPPORT FUNDING OF PROJECTS FOR WOMEN

Because of the strong financial support of local law firms, businesses and you readers, the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation distributed more funds this year to projects helping women than it ever has before. So far this year, HWLF has made nearly \$34,000 in grants to help reduce domestic violence, recognize Hawaii's early women lawyers, support education on reproductive freedom, and support research on the economic impact on women of divorce. HWLF has also granted \$5,000 this year to HWL to support its administrative, educational and outreach efforts.

Here are four ways you can help us continue our support of HWL and women's projects next year:

1. **BUY A BOOK FROM US FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING OR READING!** The long-awaited
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biography Called From Within: Early Women Lawyers of Hawaii — a joint project of HWL, HWLF and two other groups — is due out any day. The advance copy we've seen looks like good reading. If you would like to order a copy from us in paperback or hardback, call Mary Houghton at 396-8506 for more information.

2. **JOIN THE PLAZA CLUB AND ASK TO DONATE A PORTION OF YOUR INITIATION FEE TO HWLF!** The Plaza Club has generously offered to help HWLF and at the same time recruit more women members by donating \$300 of the initiation fee paid by up to 10 new members joining by December 15th. For more information about this offer, call Kathy Lau at the Plaza Club at 521-8905.
3. **SEND MONEY!** We are in the midst of our end-of-year annual solicitation drive. All HWLF Board members have pledged at least \$100 each to the drive. Get a tax break and send in your charitable donation to HWLF, P. O. Box 2576, Honolulu, Hawaii 96803-0576.
4. **VOLUNTEER! MEET NEW PEOPLE! LEARN NEW SKILLS!** We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers in such areas as fundraising, public relations, membership recruitment, budget and finance, and board work. If you are interested or desire more information, call HWLF president Louise Ing at 524-1800 or HWLF secretary Bernice Littman at 521-9200.

Have a happy holiday and thanks for your support!

HAWAII WOMEN'S LEGAL FOUNDATION FUNDS PROJECTS

The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation (HWLF) formerly known as The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation, recently awarded two grants to local organizations.

A grant of \$7,000 was awarded to Child and Family Service to support programs designed to respond to the devastation of Hurricane Iniki. Reported episodes of family and spouse abuse have greatly increased in the affected areas, and Child and Family Service has formulated counseling and support programs to alleviate those conditions. Kauai Mayor Joann Yukimura and Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi were honored guests and participants in a panel discussion at a fundraiser for HWLF the evening before the hurricane struck, and they learned of the storm's approach while at the HWLF event. HWLF's grant is, as well, intended to thank the mayors for their support of the organization's efforts.

The second grant, for \$2,500, is to sponsor a study on the economic impact of divorce by the Hawaii Supreme Court's Committee on Gender and Other Fairness. A national study conducted a few years ago concluded that divorced women and the minor children in their households experienced substantial declines in their standards of living in the first year after divorce, while their former husbands, in contract, experienced improvements. The proposed Hawaii study would attempt to determine whether that situation occurs in Hawaii and whether there is any consistency or pattern in the awarding of alimony by the Hawaii Family Court.

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)

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 Li at 543-4791, Rhonda Nishimura at 537-6119, or Kathy Young at 524-4880, or send a copy to HWL by the end of the month.

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