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THIS YEAR'S LAST WOMEN'S FORUM

Date: October 29, 1993

Time: 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Plaza Club, 900 Fort Street Mall,
20th Floor

Speaker: Reverend Pamela Vessels

Reverend Vessels is an outreach worker for the Waikiki Health Center's Sexually Transmitted Disease/AIDS program and Executive Director of Hale Ho'omaka Na Wahine ("Home for the Rebirth of Women"), a private, nonprofit therapeutic residential community for prostitutes who are redirecting their lives away from prostitution. Rev. Vessels "works the streets" of Waikiki, providing emotional and moral support, as well as help in securing medical assistance, counseling, legal assistance and other help for women and girls in the business. She has found that women and girls escaping prostitution with their lives are

left with aftershocks of physical, psychological and emotional abuse. Come and hear about the reality of life on the streets, some of the legal, political and social implications of prostitution and why it is far from a "victimless crime".

Please call Mary Houghton for reservations at 395-9743. \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members and \$16.00 for walk-ins.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To bring attention to this issue and to educate people on domestic violence and its cost to our community, the League of Women Voters is inviting members and guests to attend their luncheon meeting on Saturday, October 16, 1993 at 11:30 am in the Ilima Room of Trellisses Restaurant, Outrigger Prince Kuhio Hotel. Speakers will be Representative Annelie Amaral, Nanci Kriedman, Executive Director of the Domestic

Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, Cindee Iannce-Spencer, Victim Advocate, Domestic Violence Unit, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and a victim of domestic violence. The cost is \$12.75 per person, which includes lunch, tax, tip and parking. Call 531-7448 or 537-6267 for reservations and information.

EXHIBIT: IS THAT PEACE I SEE?

Pegge Hopper and fifty six other celebrated artists invite you to attend the opening reception of an art exhibit and sale to benefit the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline on October 15, 1993, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Pegge Hopper Gallery, 1164 Nuuanu Avenue in Honolulu, ph. 524-1160. Featured will be a unique display and sale of hand-made dolls created by the participating artists, honoring the strength and resilience of the human spirit. The exhibit will continue through October 23.

AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

HWL is currently seeking nominees for the 1993 Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards. Eligible for the Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year are women attorneys who have distinguished themselves in their field through proven dedication and commitment to the legal profession, and who have worked to further the goals of HWL: improvement of the status of women attorneys, promotion of the advancement of all women and participation in educational/networking activities for women attorneys in the community.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to someone in the community who has

provided distinguished services to the legal profession through personal and professional efforts, such as providing legislative, lobbying, financial or other support of specific community activities which further the goals of HWL.

Nominations of individuals, with a paragraph-long narrative of why the person deserves the award should be submitted by HWL members (please include your name and phone number in case we have questions) by November 30, 1993 to HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, HI 96805, or can be faxed to Cori Lau at 946-7366.

HWLF FUNDRAISER TRIUMPHS OVER TOUGH TIMES

Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation's September 10th fundraiser, A Conversation With Our Mayors: Triumphant Over Tough Times" lived up to its name. Triumphant over a sluggish economy, HWLF grossed over \$70,000 from the event (a record for the Foundation).

Over 400 lawyers, business people, legislators and community activists attended this third annual dinner and forum with Hawaii's mayors to enjoy just the right mix of Friday night frivolity and dynamic dialogue. Moderator Leslie Wilcox skillfully and humorously guided the four mayors through such intriguing topics as the myth of procurement reform, monolithic state government, pet peeves, the easiest county to govern and the mayors' dream jobs (tai chi master for Mayor Yukimura).

Mayors Linda Crockett Lingle and JoAnn Yukimura were old hands at educating and

entertaining the audience, this being their third appearance. Big Island Mayor Steve Yamashiro, making his debut appearance for the fundraiser, was articulate and direct. Making (in his words) his "last appearance here as mayor", Honolulu Mayor Frank F. Fasi, was humorous but pulled no punches.

Guests bid on an amazing array of silent auction packages, including interisland travel packages, beach house get-aways, gift baskets, scuba diving lessons, cooking lessons, artwork, jewelry, and gourmet meals from well-known restaurants, as well as from HWLF members and friends who volunteered to cook their specialties for the cause. President Louise Ing used her powers of persuasion to obtain a donation of autographed pogs from her 9-year-old son, Kurt Zwald.

Receipts from the fundraiser will increase HWLF's grant-giving ability for worthwhile projects aimed at preventing domestic violence, educating women about their legal rights, and otherwise helping women achieve their personal and professional goals. HWLF sincerely thanks all those who helped make the fundraiser successful, including Castle & Cooke, which missed being acknowledged in the program insert. We hope our guests enjoyed the evening and will continue to join us for future events.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

The Homeless Legal Services Clinic Committee of the Young Lawyers Division, HSBA and Hawaii Lawyers Care are sponsoring a clothing drive for Oahu community agencies assisting the homeless. Clean, used clothing

(including shoes, belts, etc.) for both adults and children, and other items such as backpacks, slippers, household items (i.e., pots, pans, utensils), personal hygiene (i.e., makeup, hair items, perfume, cologne, soap, toothpaste), linens (i.e., towels, sheets) pillows, work clothes, alarm clocks and watches are sought. Please separate clothing according to the sex of the adult or child. Drop off donations at HSBA, 1136 Union Mall, PH #1. For additional information, call Stacy Suzuki at 536-4302 or Val Tavai at 521-7740.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Small Business Administration on Kauai seeks attorney for temporary full-time position. Must be an active, Hawaii licensed attorney. For more information call Cynthia Nishi at (808) 241-7000.

**THE ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN LEADERS,
HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS,
AND
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

PRESENT

**THE HONORABLE RONALD T. Y. MOON,
CHIEF JUSTICE, HAWAII SUPREME COURT**

DATE: November 8, 1993
PLACE: Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom I
TIME: 11:30 Registration, 12 Noon Lunch
COST: \$20.00

HONORABLE RONALD T. Y. MOON, was sworn-in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii on March 31, 1993, after having served as an associate justice for three years. Prior to his appointment to the Hawaii Supreme Court, Chief Justice Moon served as a Circuit Court judge for eight years.

Chief Justice Moon is a 1965 graduate of the University of Iowa School of Law. He served a one-year term as law clerk for then Chief Judge Martin Pence at the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii and was subsequently employed with the prosecutor's office from 1966 to 1968. After four years as an associate, Chief Justice Moon became a partner in the law firm of Libkuman, Ventura, Moon, and Ayabe. He left private practice in 1982 upon being appointed to the Circuit Court bench.

Chief Justice Moon has served as an adjunct professor of Pretrial Litigation for the University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law and as National Secretary of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is currently President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, serves as co-chairperson of the Hawaii Judiciary Executive Committee on Technology and Information Management, and is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Chief Justice Moon is a third-generation Korean-American. His grandparents were among the first wave of Korean immigrants who arrived in Hawaii in the early 1900's.

Come to the HSBA, HWL and OWL Joint Luncheon featuring the Honorable Ronald T.Y. Moon. Please **RSVP by October 29, 1993** by mailing the registration slip below. For late registration or questions, please call Ann Lau-Parish at 521-9200.

Please make your **check payable to OWL**
and mail it **before October 29, 1993** to:

Nancy Evans-Tudor, Tax Partner
Bowen Hunsaker & Company, CPAs
700 Bishop Street, Suite 1801
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HSBA, HWL, & OWL Joint Luncheon, November 8, 1993:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Company _____

HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS SURVEY
(with assistance from the Hawaii Women Lawyers)

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information for a research project conducted by a University of Hawaii student studying career patterns of women in the Hawaii legal community. All information will be regarded as **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**, and will be used **ONLY** for the purposes of this research project. Please answer all the questions. The survey is addressed on its back-side. After finishing the survey, please staple the survey and mail. If there are any questions, please call Professor Neal Milner at the University of Hawaii, phone 956-6933. Your kokua is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE MAIL BY OCTOBER 15, 1993

1. What is your age? 20-30___ 31-40___
 41-50___ 51 plus___
 2. What is your current marital status? (CIRCLE ONLY ONE ANSWER.)
Single (never married), Married, Divorced, Separated
 3. If you have children, estimate your percentage of parental responsibility.
(CIRCLE ONE.) 0%___ 25%___ 50%___
75%___ 100%___
 4. Which of the following describes your type of employment? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
Government (Federal, State, City) ___
Firm, 30 or more in size ___
Judge ___
Firm, 2-29 in size ___
Unemployed/Retired ___
Other ___
 5. How many years have you been practicing law overall? Enter yrs___
 6. Have you ever been asked whether you have or plan to have children during a job interview?
(CIRCLE ONE.) YES NO
 7. How supportive do you perceive your work environment to be in attending to your needs as a women lawyer? (CHECK ONE.)
Very Supportive___ Supportive___ Neutral___
Unsupportive___ Very unsupportive___
 8. Have you been judged to a different standard for an evaluation than that of a male co-worker of the same rank? (CIRCLE ONE.) YES NO
 9. Have you worked part-time and been told that unless you resume to a full time schedule, will face withdrawal or demotion? (CIRCLE ONE.)
YES NO
 10. To what extent do you agree/disagree that the "male-ness" of a firm/office is so tightly knit that females have a limited chance of inclusion? (CHECK ONE.)
Strongly agree___ Agree___ Neutral___
Disagree___ Strongly disagree___
 11. Have you ever felt that you were sexually harassed by a co-worker or partner on the job? (CHECK ONE.) YES NO
 12. Do you feel that there is the attitude that it is "too soon" to promise another woman after a woman has been elevated? (CIRCLE ONE.) YES NO
 13. Describe briefly, in your opinion, the major negative factor facing women lawyers in attaining their full potential to practice law?
 14. Additional Comments:
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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 Rhonda Nishimura at 537-6119 or Kathy Young at 537-4541, or send a copy to HWL by the end of the month.

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