



HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS

NEWSLETTER

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1993 HWL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1993 was a hectic but rewarding year. Highlighting the 1993 year were the following HWL activities.

- Hawaii Women Lawyers initiated the successful "Women's Forum" as the organization's general membership meeting each month, featuring a speaker on an issue of current concern to women attorneys and women in general.
- A study was undertaken to determine the legal needs of women in prison, a project which is anticipated to be completed in 1994.
- By decision of the board this year, HWL will no longer endorse candidates for judicial positions, but will concentrate on increasing the numbers of qualified women applying for the bench as well as for boards and commissions.
- The organization took public positions on issues such as imposing a higher standard for sex-based discrimination, victim compensation, freedom of access to family planning clinics, and pay equity, and redrafted a position statement on civil rights to include those discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation.
- For the first time in recent memory, a contested election was held for members of the 1994 HWL Board of Directors, an event which demonstrated that many women attorneys with diverse backgrounds are interested in HWL's goals and activities and are willing to involve themselves in the organization's direction.
- I encourage each one of you to do something about topics that concern you as women attorneys in Hawaii: join or volunteer to chair an HWL committee. Committees are only as active as their members and many worthwhile projects undertaken by the organization are initiated by committee members.
- I would like to thank HWL members and the 1993 Board of Directors for their support and input — even when expressing disagreement; keep those cards, letters and calls coming!

Cori Lau
Outgoing HWL President

HWLF ANNOUNCES NEW SLATE FOR 1994

As outgoing HWLF president, I am happy to announce that seven current directors and three new nominees are slated for election to HWLF's Board of Directors at its annual meeting on January 7, 1994. Bernice Littman, a partner at Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright and co-chair of our successful 1993 mayors' dinner, has been nominated to succeed me as HWLF president.

The current directors standing for reelection to another two-year term are: Janice Wolf (vice-president nominee), June Russell (treasurer nominee), Janis Akuna, Trudy Burns (1992 HWL president), Rai Saint Chu (1991 HWLF president), Richard Clifton and Linda Martell.

The three new director nominees come from varied backgrounds. Ruth Ann Becker has her own public relations firm; Jennifer Hayashi (assistant treasurer nominee) is a C.P.A. at a major accounting firm; and S. Gail Robertson (secretary nominee) is a deputy attorney general, former HWLF director and co-chair of HWLF's 1993 mayors' dinner.

Holdover directors are: Bernice Littman, Helen Gillmor, Leslie Hayashi, Susan Jaworowski, Corianne Lau (HWL representative) and Louise Ing.

HWLF extends its deep appreciation to outgoing directors Eileen Mortenson (who has moved north to Alaska) and Linnel Nishioka (who moves on to the Young Lawyers Division Board).

Louise K.Y. Ing
Outgoing HWLF President

APPLICATION FOR STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The application deadline to apply for appointments to state boards and commissions is January 31, 1994. HWL encourages women to submit an application for boards and commissions, on many of which women are sadly underrepresented. For further information or to obtain an application, call Celia Suzuki at the Governor's office at 586-0026.

HWL NEWSLETTER

The 1993 HWL Board extends its thanks and appreciation to Kathy Young for her hard work as HWL Newsletter Editor. Kathy will continue to edit the newsletter with assistance from Cori Lau. We will be collecting "newsy" items for an informal column (yet to be named) about what is happening with our members. FAX announcements such as promotions, new job/firm announcements, new babies, etc. to Cori at 946-7366 or phone her at 956-6551. Other newsletter items can be FAXed to Kathy at 537-4210.

U.S. COAST GUARD SEEKS DIRECT COMMISSION LAWYERS

The U.S. Coast Guard will be hiring nine attorneys or 3rd year law students in 1994 as Direct Commission Lawyers, and seeks to attract men and women candidates of all races and backgrounds. Upon completion of a four-week indoctrination course and a nine week Basic Lawyers Course, these individuals will be commissioned as Lieutenants (03) in the U.S. Coast Guard. Applicants must be U.S. citizens between the ages 21 and 38, who either already are admitted to the practice of law or who will have taken the bar examination before August 1, and who meet physical standards prescribed for members of the armed forces. For additional information, contact Commander Rob Kutz at (202) 267-2799. Application deadline is March 1, 1994 for 1994 commissions. Cori Lau has a packet of informational materials you are welcome to review.

THE WOMAN BUSINESS LAWYER CONFERENCE

The ABA's Section of Business Law is co-sponsoring a 2-day conference (January 13-14 in New York or February 7-8 in San Francisco) to help women sharpen their business law and business development skills. Topics include: Communication Skills, Essential Negotiating Skills, Getting to the Top in Law Firms and Corporate Law Departments, Alternative Career Paths and Work Options, Counseling the Business Client, Skills for the Year 2000: Preparing Financials, and Business Development; Developing Niche Areas of Practice. For additional information about the conference, call 1-800-223-0231.

FAMILY VISITATION CENTER OPENS

Parents and Children Together (PACT) is opening its Family Visitation Center on January 10, 1994. The Center provides a safe and neutral location for child visitation, exchanges and supervised visitation for families experiencing domestic violence and divorce. The Center is located at 1613 Houghtailing Street, Suite 6 and will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm. A full time security guard and social worker will be available to assist families with visitation. This service will be provided on a sliding fee scale from five to forty dollars. Call Cindy Yonover at 847-3285 for more information.

HWL MEMBERSHIP

HWL invites you to become a member, or to renew your membership dues, if you have not already done so. 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 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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