

# HAWAI'I WOMEN LAWYERS

## NEWSLETTER

January 1996

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the time of year to look at our achievements of the past year and begin our programs of the new year. We look back by recognizing several very distinguished women at the Hawai'i Women Lawyers' Annual Awards Ceremony. It will be held at the Plaza Club on Friday, January 26th from 4:30 to 7:30. We will honor the recipients of the 1995 HWL Awards, thank the outgoing Board, and introduce the newly elected members of the 1996 Board. You are invited! Join us for warm camaraderie and tasty pupus. The cost is \$15 per person and we are offering script for beverages. Dial Mary Houghton at 395-9743 or use her voice mail direct number, 948-1402, give her your name and phone number. We begin the new year by identifying our committees, looking at the issues through a fresh vision and at this time of year we collect the annual membership dues. Complete the enclosed invoice updating your address and phone numbers. Use the return addressed envelope that is enclosed, make your *check payable to Hawai'i Women Lawyers* and send us your payment to attend the annual awards ceremony and your dues. The awardees are:

#### Lifetime Achievement Award

**Judge Betty Vitousek** (retired) has in Hawai'i historically been the forefront of women in the law. She served for years as a senior judge. Judge Vitousek always exercised a great deal of care and attention to insure that family court has been responsive to the needs of Hawai'i's women and children. She is a loved and gifted jurist.

#### Hawai'i Woman Lawyer of the Year

**Stephanie Rezens, Esq.** was in the second graduating class of the Richardson School of Law (then the University of Hawai'i School of Law.) She was the first female chair of the Family Law section of the HSBA. She was instrumental in starting the new Kids First Program which requires all divorcing families with children on Oahu to attend a Wednesday evening program concentrating on the needs of children in a divorce situation. Stephanie has attended and coordinated countless Wednesday evening Kids First sessions, all without charge.

#### Distinguished Service Awards

**Reverend Pamela Vessels'** chosen ministry is the care of women who are prostitutes. To this end, she has countless nights literally walked the early morning streets of Waikiki to meet her flock, learn about them and help meet their needs. Rev. Vessels has established a halfway house for prostitutes which currently has several residents who appear to be on their respective paths to successful new lives. Hawai'i Women Lawyers honors Rev. Vessels' mission, and hopes through this award she will be able to spread the word concerning her unique and necessary ministry.

**Anne K. Clarkin, Esq.** as the Coordinator and staff of the Hawai'i State Clearinghouse on Missing Children, Department of the Attorney General, has been instrumental in the location and return of many missing Hawai'i children to their legal custodians. In this time of budget constriction Ms. Clarkin has spent countless hours seeking alternative support and funding to keep this invaluable program open.

## OPEN POSITIONS ON THE GOVERNOR'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following Governor's Boards and Commissions have potential positions which are to be filled by the closing of the 1996 legislative session. Please contact the Governor's Administrative Assistant, Celia C.U. Suzuki, at 586-0026 for additional information, questions, and applications.

Board of Public Accountancy; Board of Acupuncture; Advisory Committee on Agricultural Products; Board of Agriculture; Board of Directors, Aloha Tower Development Corporation; Animal Species Advisory Commission; Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee, County of Maui; Architectural Access Committee; State Board of Barbers; State Boxing Commission of Hawaii; Campaign Spending Commission; Advisory Council for Children and Youth; Board of Chiropractic Examiners; Civil Defense Advisory Council; Civil Rights Commission; Civil Service Commission; Contractors License Board; Convention Center Authority; Correctional Industries Advisory Committee; Board of Cosmetology; State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Board of Trustees, Deferred Compensation Plan; Board of Dental Examiners; State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances; Drug Product Selection Board; Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board; State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee; Advisory Commission on Employment and Human Resources; Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects; Environmental Council; Governor's Agriculture Coordinating Committee; Hawaii Aquaculture Advisory Council; Hawaii Community Development Authority; Hawaii Education Council; Hawaii Historic Places Review Board; Hawaii Housing Authority; Hawaii Paroling Authority; Board of Trustees Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund; Board of Directors, Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation; Hawaiian Homes Commission; Statewide Health Coordination Council; Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council; Central Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council; Waianae Coast Subarea Planning Council; Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council; Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council; Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council; Maui County Subarea Health Planning Council; Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters; State Highway Safety Council; Board of Directors, Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Board of Human Services; Statewide Independent Living Council; Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii; Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau; Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai; Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai; Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu; Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission; Kaneohe Bay Regional Council; Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board; Board of Land and Natural Resources; Land Use Commission; Oahu Library Advisory Commission; Hawaii Library Advisory Commission; Kauai Library Advisory Commission; Maui County Library Advisory Commission; Board of Massage Therapy; Medical Advisory Board; Board of Medical Examiners; State Council on Mental Health; Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board; Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board; Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board; Natural Area Reserve System Commission; Board of Directors, Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; Board of Examiners in Naturopathy; State Board of Nursing; Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators; Board of Dispensing Opticians; Board of Examiners in Optometry; Board of Osteopathic Examiners; Pest Control Board; Advisory Committee on Pesticides; Board of Pharmacy; Board of Physical Therapy; State Post-Secondary Education Commission; Board of Private Detectives and Guards; Procurement Policy Office Board; Board of Psychology; Board of Public Broadcasting; County Public Health Facility Management Advisory Committee, City and County of Honolulu; County Public Health Facility Management Advisory Committee, County of Hawaii; County Public Health Facility Management Advisory Committee, County of Kauai; County Public Health Facility Management Advisory Committee, County of Maui; Public Utilities Commission; Radiologic Technology Board; Real Estate Commission; Board of Regents, University of Hawaii; Board of Registration, Island of Oahu; Board of Registration, Island Hawaii; Board of Registration, Kauai and Niihau; Board of Registration, Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe; State Advisory Council on Rehabilitation; Rental Housing Trust Fund Commission; Reproductive Rights Protection Committee; Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology; Stadium Authority; Board of Taxation Review, First Taxation District (Oahu); Board of Taxation Review, Second Taxation District (Maui); Board of Taxation Review, Third Taxation District (Hawaii); Board of Taxation Review, Fourth Taxation District (Kauai); Tourism Training Council; Commission on Transportation; Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation; Advisory Board on Veterans' Services; Board of Veterinary Examiners; Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants; Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Water Treatment Plants, and; Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. *This article was compiled by Rosemary McShane.*

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**Kelly J. Salling**, formerly an associate at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, has moved to Palisade, Colorado. She will be retaining her Hawaii Bar membership on inactive status and will become licensed to practice in Colorado in the near future, after taking a few months off to travel the western United States. Her new address is 683 Lincoln Drive, Palisade, CO 81526, phone 970-464-7054.

Congratulations! to **Elaine Hazzard** who previewed her play, *An Attorney's Nightmare*, at 1996 First Night.



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## INVOICE

HWL invites you to become a member, or to renew your membership dues, if you have not already done so for the 1996 calendar year. Complete this invoice (*keep a copy for your records*).

Please send the original invoice and your check (*payable to HWL*) to: **HWL, % Mary Houghton,  
6729 Hahaione Place,  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

Dues are as follows: (*please check one*)

- Regular members \$40       Out-of-state members \$20       Student members \$10
- New admittees (within 1 year of Hawaii admission) \$20
- HWL President's Circle:     \$100       \$500       \$1,000

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