

# HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Sherry Broder April 26th HWL Luncheon Speaker

HWL resumes its popular Plaza Club lunch time Speaker's Forum on April 26, 1996, with attorney Sherry Broder. Ms. Broder, recognized by the Star-Bulletin on January 1, 1996, as one of ten "who made a difference" in Hawaii, received a \$766 million verdict in a great victory for human rights victims in the Philippines. The battle to recover the money has been extensive, including whether a US court order applies to Marcos' bank accounts in such far-flung places as Switzerland. At lunch, Ms. Broder will discuss, *inter alia*, her recent meeting in Hong Kong to resolve the Marcos money issues. Sherry Broder was a founding member of Hawaii Women Lawyers and the Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation. She was the first female president of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Ms. Broder was 1993 ABA sole practitioner of the year, and has also agreed to share with us her "secrets" of running a successful single-lawyer office.

Lunch will be from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. at the Plaza Club, located on the 20th floor, 900 Fort Street Mall. Call Mary Houghton at 395-9743 for reservations. Lunch costs \$15. Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you!

### April 25th Is When We "Take Our Daughters to Work"

Research shows that girls approach their teen years with confidence and enthusiasm, but at adolescence, they experience some disturbing, unhealthy changes. Adolescent girls tend to have lower expectations for their futures than do boys. They suffer a greater loss of self-esteem than males. During their teens, girls begin to measure self-worth by physical appearance, while boys value themselves by their abilities. Girls also tend to receive less attention than boys in school and extra-curricular activities, which has a direct correlation to levels of academic achievement.

The Ms. Foundation for Women created "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" to counteract these problems. Thursday, April 25, is the officially designated day for this national observance. You are encouraged to take your daughter, relative, or a friend's daughter to work that day or sometime during the week of April 22 to April 26.

And be sure to attend the special "Take Our Daughters to Work" rally at noon on April 25th, in Tamarind Park, Bishop Square. The Girl Scout Council of Hawaii and the YWCA of Oahu have teamed to promote the Ms. Foundation effort throughout the state.

### Legislative Committee Report

This year's legislative committee has had a full and varied assignment. It has submitted testimony to the legislature supporting:

- \* The imposition of interest charges on late child support payments; and loss of licensure for putative spouses
- \* The establishment of a new court filing fee surcharge on civil cases to provide an additional source of revenue for legal services to the indigent.
- \* The repeal of No-Fault.
- \* The deletion of the language "recent" as a defining term for acts required to establish the legal basis to issue a protective order for abused women.

We have submitted testimony to the legislature opposing:

- \* The increase of manslaughter from a class B to a class A felony; an amendment of the defense of "voluntary manslaughter" to an

affirmative defense; the imposition of the requirement that there be a "temporary loss of self control" in voluntary manslaughter; and the requirement that extreme mental or emotional disturbance be reviewed from the standpoint of a "reasonable person" and not from the standpoint of the defendant as he or she believes the situation to be.

- \* The abolition of joint and several liability with respect to all joint tortfeasors and the imposition of a limit on governmental liability to a proportionate share only.
- \* The abolition of civil rights to sue for injuries arising out of motor vehicle accidents and the creation of a pure no-fault system for redress in all automobile accident cases.

We continue to monitor the progress of many bills currently pending. If you are interested in this process call:

Magali V. Sunderland, 528-3900.

## Do You Have An Hour To Spare?

*"Raising Girls for Opportunity" Research Team Needs Women Lawyers to Participate in Study*

Noted child psychologist, Dr. Sylvia Rimm is launching an in-depth study of the family and educational influences of successful women. The results of this study will be published in research journals and in a book, tentatively entitled "Raising Girls for Opportunity," which will be published by Crown Publishers.

Dr. Rimm's team will be conducting research to uncover the family and education influences which have lead girls to enter successful, non-traditional careers. Law is one of the categories selected for study because it is a relatively new area open to women.

Dr. Rimm is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine. She has authored seven books and appears regularly on NBC-TV's Today Show. Her daughter and co-director on this project is Dr. Ilonna Rimm, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and a researcher at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

### *Anonymous Questionnaires Filled Out In Your Own Home At Your Convenience*

The research team has developed an extensive but easy to complete questionnaire that takes a little more than an hour to complete. All information on the questionnaire will remain completely anonymous. They are search for women who are eligible and willing to give an hour to participate in this study. The criteria for inclusion are:

- At least two years of successful practice as an attorney
- Reasonable happiness in social and emotional relationships during adult life
- Interest in encouraging girls and young women toward successful futures by involvement in this study

If you are willing to be a part of this research, please contact Lisa Fauver, Communications Coordinator, Family Achievement Clinic, MetroHealth Box 45489, Westlake, OH 44145, or call (216) 808-1500. Your contribution to this project will be greatly appreciated.

## HBA Looking For Speakers

The HBA has occasional calls from churches and women's groups requesting speakers on the subject of legal rights for women. In addition to English-language speakers, there is also some call for bilingual speakers; Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Chinese, etc. If you would be interested in assisting them, please call James at HBA (537-1868).

## Summit '96 To Be Held May 29-30 In Chicago

*"Invitation Only" Meeting Of Federal Economic Advisory Council Available To One HWL Delegate*

J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management and the National Women's Business Council have issued an invitation to Hawaii Women Lawyers to send one delegate to "Summit '96." This women's economic summit will be held on May 29-30, on Northwestern University's campus in Evanston, Illinois.

### *Economic Agenda Will Serve As Blueprint For Nation's Leaders*

The goal of this summit is to set an economic agenda that will serve as a blueprint for our nation's leaders as they address women's foremost economic priorities in business in the 21st century.

As a federal advisory council providing advice and policy recommendations to the President and Congress, the mission of the National Women's Business Council is to contribute to an economic climate that promotes women's business ownership.

If anyone is interested in attending as our delegate to this "invitation only" summit, please contact Kay Lorraine at Hawaii Women Lawyers at 545-8055. Conference fee is \$75. Discounted fares to Chicago on United Airlines have been arranged. Delegates are responsible for their own expenses.

## Domestic Violence Intervention Training May 3rd and 4th

The PACT Family Peace Center will be presenting a two-day session on domestic abuse, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on May 3 and 4 at Paki Hale, Winstead House, near Kapiolani park.

This program will provide basic and detailed information regarding the social, physical, and psychological aspects of domestic violence on the family system and community. The training is recommended for anyone who is working with victims of domestic violence and other domestic abuse. Attorneys working in the area of family law are particularly welcome to join.

The workshop will prepare counselors and other professionals to identify victims and children who experience and witness domestic violence. They will then teach you how to apply principles of psycho-educational techniques to work with domestic violence victims, perpetrators and child witnesses. The sessions will also discuss and identify abuse in the workplace.

Workshop fee is \$100 for both days. Additional information is available by calling 845-1445.

## Hawaii Women Lawyers Membership Committee Forming

*Volunteers Recruited For New Membership Project*

HWL Vice President Susan Ichinose is heading up the new Membership Committee. Although HWL sends newsletters and other special mailings to nearly 500 people within the legal community, approximately one-third are actual, paying members of HWL.

Some lawyers don't join because they are not aware of exactly how many excellent projects their dues would help to support. Others have not joined simply because no one has ever invited them to do so.

*This Is Your Chance To Be A Part Of This  
Exciting and Fun New Project*

Committee positions are open to all HWL members. Women new to the Hawaii legal community will find this an excellent opportunity to become involved in a worthwhile project while networking with established women lawyers. Anyone interested in the Membership Committee should call Susan Ichinose at 536-3255.

## "LawConnect" On The Internet

*New Internet Magazine For Women In The Law  
Creates Central National Information Resource*

In an effort to use technology to enhance the participation of women in the legal profession, "LawConnect," a new technology-oriented interactive magazine for and about women in law has been established.

One of the elements of "LawConnect" is editorial coverage of women lawyers' associations. Hawaii Women Lawyers is one of the organizations featured on "LawConnect."

Nancy L. Webster is a California litigator specializing in technology issues. She serves on the Technology Committee of the California State Bar's Litigation Section. Ms. Webster has developed "LawConnect" as a vehicle for connecting women in the legal profession. For those attorneys interested in the site, the Internet address is [WebLaw@msn.com](mailto:WebLaw@msn.com)

## Update on H.R. 1833

Hawaii 1st District Congressman Neil Abercrombie recently voted against a bill to ban late-term abortion procedures. His vote was based on the belief that the decision whether to have an abortion is one which can be made only by and individual woman and her physician. Although H.R. 1833 passed both the House and Senate, President Clinton is expected to veto the measure.



## May 25th, Buy a Chicken and Help The Domestic Violence Clearinghouse

The Domestic Violence Clearinghouse & Legal Hotline, a non-profit legal services and community education/advocacy program, will be holding a Koala Moa Chicken Fundraiser on Saturday, May 25, 1996 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Alapai Bus Lot. All proceeds will directly benefit clients of DVCLH, and your help and support are needed!

*Reserve In Advance*

Tickets may be purchased in advance of the fundraiser by calling 534-0040 or on May 25 at the Alapai Bus Lot. Volunteers for ticket sales and assistance at the fundraiser are needed. For information on how you can help, please call DVCLH at 534-0040.

## Update On "Our Rights, Our Lives"

Hawaii Women Lawyers now has completed the writing and editing of all text for the Third Edition of "Our Rights, Our Lives."

This edition will be printed as six smaller manuals, as opposed to one large book. This will enable us to more quickly and efficiently update sections, as needed, without the cost of reprinting the large volume. It also enables us to distribute only the information that is needed, as opposed to handing out the entire book when a woman merely needs information on spousal abuse.

All six manuals are scheduled to go to the printer on May 1st. There will be a distribution update in our next newsletter.

Mahalo to everyone who has been involved. This project has been a lot of work, but we are finally seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

## HSBA Committee On Gender & Fairness Begins 1996 Projects

*First Order of Business Will Be To Determine  
The Direction Of This Year's Activities*

The 1996 HSBA Committee on Gender & Other Fairness welcomes HWL members and other interested persons to join the Committee and help with this year's work. Past projects have included formulating a sexual harassment policy for private law firms and a survey regarding the status of women in the legal profession. For more information, please contact co-chairs Jan Tamura (523-9833) or Chiye Wenkam (536-8557).

## 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 and your check to: HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. Dues are as follows:

- 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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you are interested in information about serving on the HWL Board or Committees, or note any topics or projects in which you would be interested in assisting:

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