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U.H. Law Professor Judy Weightman To Be Honored on October 20th

On Sunday, October 20, 1996 at 6:00 p.m., the Jewish Federation of Hawaii is honoring U.H. Law Professor Judy Weightman for her lifelong contributions to the community. Founder of The Holocaust Project, Judy produced and co-directed the award winning documentary "From Hawaii to the Holocaust, a Shared Moment in History," narrated by Ed Asner. This led to the two volume book, *Days of Remembrance: Hawaii Witness to the Holocaust*. Her series "Profile of an AJA Soldier" & "Profile of a Holocaust Survivor" can be seen Sundays on channel 54.

Judy's professional and community activities emphasize social, racial, gender and ethnic justice, with equal access and opportunity for all. An inventor with four patents, Judy has an M.A. in American Studies as well as a J.D.

The dinner will be held at Waialae Country Club; tickets are \$75. For tickets or additional information, call the Jewish Federation of Hawaii at 595-5218.

HWLF Nominees For 1997 Officers

The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation's annual fundraiser on September 7th was a smashing success, grossing over \$70,000. Mahalo to everyone who helped through their volunteer efforts and monetary support, increasing HWLF funds for programs assisting women and children.

Additionally, HWLF recently announced nominees for new officers for 1997. They are:

Linda Martell, President
Cori Lau, Vice President
Darcy Yoshinaga, Secretary
Nancy Evans-Tudor, Treasurer

Hawaii Justice Foundation's Fall Forum Slated For October 15th

*"The Future of Lawyers, Judges,
and the American Way of Justice"*

Professor James Dator, noted futurist and political scientist will be discussing "The Future of Lawyers, Judges, and the American Way of Justice" on Tuesday, October 15, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Conference Room 2, 8th floor, Pacific Tower, 1001 Bishop Street.

For the past ten years, courts have used "Futures Commissions" to identify needed structural and functional reforms in America's judicial system. UH political scientist James Dator has inspired much of this effort and has consulted with more than a dozen judiciaries.

Additional comments and reactions will also be provided by **Honorable Evelyn B. Lance (Ret.)**; **George Mason**, Publisher Emeritus, Pacific Business News; and **Susan Oki Mollway, Esq.**, of Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright. (As yet, Susan Oki Mollway's appointment as the next US District Court Judge in the District of Hawaii is waiting confirmation.) **Randall W. Roth** from the William S. Richardson School of Law will act as moderator.

The Hawaii Justice Foundation invites all members and friends of the Bar, the Judiciary, the Legislature, and the business community to listen and participate as we distill a decade of experience and explore what lies ahead for Hawaii and our legal system.

Continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. Although the program is free of charge, a voluntary contribution of \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members will help to offset expenses and underwrite Foundation programs. To make a reservation or get additional information on this program, please call HJF at 537-3886.

October 25th HWL Speakers Forum Features Women Political Candidates

Political life is tough. And female candidates are likely to have a different perspective than their male counterparts. HWL's October 25th Speakers Forum will feature women who are running for office in the upcoming election. These candidates will have an opportunity to speak their minds, share some war stories, and give us a behind-the-scenes look at life on the campaign trail.

All female candidates are invited to join HWL members and their friends, as we talk about the issues that are confronting us on the ballot this November. As always, lunch will be from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. at the Plaza Club, 900 Fort Street Mall. Your check for \$15 will secure your luncheon reservation. Vegetarian meals will be available. Call Kay Lorraine at 545-8055 for details.

This popular candidates forum is expected to fill up quickly, so be sure to make your reservations early.

Spotlight on Hawaii Justice Foundation

Strengthening the Community

Since 1969, the Hawaii Justice Foundation has developed a tradition of proactive innovation in pursuit of justice for all. The Hawaii Justice Foundation works at the intersecting areas of law, justice, and poverty. Their single, overarching purpose is to help those who legitimately cannot help themselves to achieve that most fragile but profoundest of conditions: a sense of justice. For the HJF, "justice" has many meanings, foremost among them, building a system of legal and law-related institutions that are more accessible and user-friendly, especially to Hawaii's growing number of poor and "working poor." It also means developing a network of cooperating public and private agencies who can work together in a collegial, cost-effective manner. Finally, it means encouraging (and sometimes prodding) the community to affirmatively care about the fate of its poorest citizens.

In the newly released Hawaii Justice Foundation's Annual Report, 1995 President Constance H. Lau, Esq. and 1996 President Clinton R. Ashford, Esq. reported, "Lawyers are much in the news these days and a great deal of that news is negative. Too often, legal professionals are portrayed as grasping case-chasers making their livings off of other people's miseries." The HJF's statement of mission and vision demonstrates just how far afield this misconception is.

"As we look ahead, we continue to be deeply moved by the plight of Hawaii's poorest citizens and we are inspired to help make the law and our justice system more accessible to them....most simply put, we seek equal justice for all of Hawaii's people." To this end HJF's purpose "is to achieve justice for people who lack the resources to help themselves. The Foundation identifies Hawaii's changing legal and law-related needs and then mobilizes the human, financial, and organizational resources that are required to meet those needs."

As a result of their deep commitment to achieving those ends, during 1995 the following grants were issued:

- **Advocates for Public Interest Law**
\$9,000 to fund summer internships for law students working with public interest law firms.
- **American Civil Liberties Union**
\$6,000 to help fund paralegal assistance to prisoners in Hawaii's correctional institutions who have no other recourse to counsel.
- **Domestic Violence Advocacy Project**
\$30,000 to fund the Battered Women Court Clearinghouse and Hotline.
- **Ethnic Education Foundation of Hawaii**
\$2,500 for legal information radio broadcasts in their native languages for Filipino, Samoan, Loatian, and Vietnamese speakers.

- **Hawaii Lawyers Care**
\$110,000 to fund the organization and implementation of Pro Bono services by Hawaii's attorneys.
- **Hawaii State Bar Association**
\$1,000 to fund the "Drugs and Kids" Project.
- **Kauai County YWCA**
\$10,000 to fund legal services for battered women on Kauai
- **Learning disabilities Association of Hawaii**
\$8,000 to fund lay advocacy services to children with disabilities.
- **Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii**
\$1,825 to fund a workshop and training series on "Disability Law Issues for Children in Hawaii."
- **Legal aid Society of Hawaii**
\$25,000 to plan, develop, and begin operating ISLANS, a statewide coordinated legal information and referral service that includes the provision of brief legal advice and clinical coordination.
- **Legal Aid Society of Hawaii**
\$25,000 to fund paralegal positions in Kona and on Lanai
- **Life Foundation of Hawaii**
\$6,500 to fund training for lawyers and statewide HIV legal clinics.
- **Maximum Legal Services Corporation**
\$10,000 to fund legal services to children with special education needs through the Disabled Legal Rights Project.
- **Mediation Center of Molokai**
\$5,000 to fund additional caseload development and the use of peer student mediation in elementary schools on Molokai.
- **Mediation Services of Maui**
\$2,000 to fund facilitation training for "Rainbows For All Children," a peer support group for children whose parents are undergoing traumatic divorces.
- **Na Loio No Na Kanaka**
\$30,000 to fund the "Advocates for Immigrant Women" and "Legal Access for Neighbor Island Immigrants" programs.
- **Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation**
\$15,000 to fund legal services for the beneficiaries of Hawaiian Home Lands Trust
- **Neighborhood Justice Center**
\$2,000 to fund a Parent-Child Mediation Program
- **Parents & Children Together**
\$10,000 to fund the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) which provides crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic violence.
- **Waiakea Settlement YMCA**
\$8,000 to fund the delivery of mediation services in East Hawaii.
- **Waiakea Settlement YMCA**
\$2,500 to fund the establishment of the Hilo Safe Childrens Center.
- **West Hawaii Mediation Services**
\$10,000 to fund the further development of services to poverty and gap group populations through the "Families in Transition" Project.
- **William S. Richardson School of Law**
\$2,500 to help fund the Elder Law Program which provides legal services to the indigent elderly.

Second HWL President Sherry P. Broder is Candidate for Judicial Selection Commissioner

If elected, she will be the first woman attorney to serve on the Judicial Selection Commission.

In mid October, you will have an opportunity to vote for the person who will be an HSBA selected Judicial Selection Commissioner. Sherry P. Broder is one of three candidates and the only woman attorney candidate.

Sherry graduated from Boalt Hall Law School, Order of the Coif (top 10%), and has practiced law in Hawaii since 1976. A founding member of both Hawaii Women Lawyers and the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, Broder has served as President of each of those organizations. In 1993, she became the first woman President of HSBA in its 92 year history.

Sherry has been active in other professional and community activities, such as the Hawaii Justice Foundation, HSBA/Judiciary Committee on Gender and Other Fairness, State Judicial Conference, Federal Judicial Conference, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Disciplinary Hearings Panels, and Hawaii Public Television. She has also been active in Hawaii Lawyers Care, serving as a Board member and representing pro bono clients.

Sherry has received national and local awards as an attorney, including "Solo Practitioner of the Year" by the General Practice Section, American Bar Association (1993), "Outstanding Woman Lawyer" by Hawaii Women Lawyers (1986), "Conservation Service Citation" by National Wildlife Foundation (1985), and finalist in 1994 and 1996 for "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice.

Sherry is married to Jon Van Dyke, Professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law, and is the mother of three children. She has served as room mother and on the board of her child's school.

HWL President, Magali V. Sunderland, urges all members of the Bar to vote in this important election. "Participation in the selection of our state's judiciary is of paramount importance to all of us who practice and live in this community. This process allows each of us input from the bottom up. Be heard. Exercise your input. Please vote!"

Ballots for this position must be returned by October 30th.

New Judicial Vacancies

Two current judicial vacancies have been created by the resignations of Judge Daniel Heeley at First Circuit Court and Judge Marjorie Manuia at Family court of the First Circuit. HWL urges qualified women attorneys to apply to further the goal of achieving parity on the bench in Hawaii. The application deadline for Judge Manuia's vacancy is October 25th; applications will be accepted for Judge Heely's vacancy until November 4th. All applications must be mailed to Dorothy K. Ching, Chair, Judicial Selection Commission, P.O. Box 2560, Honolulu, HI 96804.

Time To Elect a Woman As Secretary-General of the United Nations

How Long Will It Take To Get Equality?

The election of the United Nations Secretary-General will take place in 1996, when the five-year term of the current Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, ends. Mr. Boutros-Ghali, now 73 years old, declared when he was elected that he would not seek more than one term, although recently he has indicated otherwise. The Security Council, which recommends a candidate for Secretary-General to the General Assembly, is composed of five permanent members (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States) and ten rotating members (currently Botswana, Chile, Egypt, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, the Republic of Korea, and Poland). To be selected by the Security Council, a candidate must secure at least nine votes and avoid the veto of any permanent member. There has never been a woman Secretary-General.

The United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing last year, noted that "the United Nations is continuing to deny itself the benefits of women's leadership by their underrepresentation at decision-making levels within the Secretariat" and that "without the active participation of women and the incorporation of women's perspective at all levels of decision-making, the goals of equality, development and peace cannot be achieved." The Platform for Action adopted called for the development of "mechanisms to nominate women candidates for appointment to senior posts in the United Nations."

Many Qualified Candidates Available

There are many qualified women from all regions of the world (normally the position rotates). The following list includes some of those who have been publicly mentioned as potential candidates for the Secretary-General.

- **Gro Harlem Brundtland**, Prime Minister, Norway
- **Frene Ginwala**, Speaker of Parliament, South Africa
- **Sadako Ogata**, High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations
- **Navanethem Pillay**, International Rwanda Tribunal, United Nations
- **Mary Robinson**, President, Ireland
- **Leticia Shahani**, President of the Senate, Philippines

Make Your Wishes Known

HWL urges you to write to our own U.S. Ambassador, Madeline K. Albright, as well as other Security Council members, urging them to elect a qualified woman to the post of Secretary-General. Recall the commitment made at the Fourth World Conference on Women and note that the upcoming election of the most senior UN post represents a unique opportunity to honor this commitment.

If you need the names and addresses of the Security Council members, please call Kay Lorraine at the HWL office in Honolulu (545-8055). Or fax your request to Kay at 545-8636.

For additional information, contact Equality Now, P.O. Box 20646, Columbus Circle Station, New York, NY 10023.

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 _____

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