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February 3rd, 4:00 p.m. "Judicial Independence." A conversation with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Senior Judge Myron H. Bright, with Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon moderating. Supreme Court at Ali'iolani Hale. \$35 (Look inside for details)

Hawai'i Women Lawyers and Federal Bar Assn. to Co-Sponsor January 21st Plaza Club Luncheon

United States District Judge Helen Gillmor Featured Speaker

On Wednesday, January 21st, at the Plaza Club, U.S. District Court Judge Helen Gillmor will be the featured speaker at a luncheon that is being co-sponsored by Hawai'i Women Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association. Coordinating the arrangements is HWL Board member Donna Mae Gray, who also sits on the Board of FBA.



The Honorable Helen Gillmor graduated from the University of New York's Queens College, then went on to receive her law degree from Boston University. She was appointed to Federal District Court in October of 1994 by President Clinton.

Judge Gillmor holds the distinction of being Hawaii's first female Federal District Court Judge. She will share her experience in a federal court over these past three years since taking on her duties as a newly appointed United States District Court Judge.

Lunch will begin promptly at noon, with the program immediately following. The Plaza Club is located on the 20th floor at 900 Fort Street Mall in downtown Honolulu. The cost for the luncheon is \$25 for HWL and FBA members; \$30 for non-members. The entree to be served will be salmon salad. A strictly vegetarian meal is available at the same price, but must be specially ordered in advance.

HWL and FBA members can make reservations through their respective organizations. FBA members should contact Jill Fukanaga at 524-7030 and HWL members should contact Kay Lorraine at 545-8055. Non-members can call either number. Seating will be limited at the Plaza Club, so please make your reservation early!

Life Dull? Looking For New Challenges?

*Employment Opportunities;
Full Time and Part Time;
Both Here and Abroad*

Here is a unique opportunity to be in the "front lines" of the legal reform process in Russia and Albania.

The Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI), a public service project of the American Bar Association, is currently recruiting experienced attorneys to assist in developing voluntary women's bar associations in Russia and to work with the Albanian Women's Bar Association in establishing a women's legal aid clinic.

In both Donetsk, Ukraine and Tirana, Albania, there are three-month positions open. Bucharest, Romania and Sofia, Bulgaria, each have a one-month position available. All jobs would begin ASAP.

Duties would include working with law schools to develop classroom curriculum, establish live client clinics, train local professors in practical techniques for teaching lawyering skills, and develop a women's legal aid clinic.

Extensive law school clinical program experience (or legal aid clinic experience, for the Albania position) is desired, plus a minimum five years of legal teaching experience, preferably in negotiations and advocacy skills.

A long term candidate (six months to one year) is being sought for a position in Moscow. Qualifications are a minimum of four years of legal experience and active bar association membership. International experience is also a plus.

Duties would include development of women's bar associations in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Saratov, as well as

Ruth Bader Ginsburg to Speak on the Subject of Judicial Independence on February 3rd

The William S. Richardson School of Law invites all members of the Hawai'i legal community to "A Conversation with United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Myron H. Bright, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit."

The event is part of the Law School's Jurists-in-Residence Program, which brings distinguished jurists to the University of Hawai'i to meet with students, faculty, the judiciary and the bar in a special educational setting.

The three-day program will begin on February 3rd with Justice Ginsburg participating in the Constitutional Law class and Judge Bright participating in the Contracts class. Both classes will be open to all U.H. students. Over the next few days Judge Bright and Justice Ginsburg will be meeting with federal judges and law clerks, community and business leaders, faculty and law students discussing a variety of issues.

participating in workshops concerning domestic violence, sexual harassment, and other issues of interest to women lawyers in Russia. This position begins in March.

Benefits include:

Round-trip international airfare
In-country business travel
Housing allowance
Generous living stipend
Medical evacuation insurance
Health insurance premiums
reimbursement
Associated business expenses

If this sounds interesting to you, fax your resume to Molly Stephenson, Outreach Coordinator, CEELI, at (202) 662-1597. You can also call her at (800) 982-3354, extension #2.

On Tuesday, February 3rd, from 4:30 to 7:00, Hawai'i Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon will moderate "Conversation," whose topic is "Judicial Independence". This event will happen in the Hawai'i Supreme Court Courtroom at Ali'iolani Hale. A reception will immediately follow the program. The cost is \$35 per person. Make checks payable and mail to: Hawai'i State Bar Association, 1136 Union Mall, PH-1, Honolulu, HI 96813. Reservations are mandatory as space is limited.

To make reservations for this interesting exchange of ideas please call the HSBA office at 537-1868. Additional information can also be obtained from the Dean's Office at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Please respond by January 26th.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Hawai'i State Judiciary, Hawai'i State Bar Association, and Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon.

Don't Want To Travel Quite So Far?

The National Association of Securities Dealers Regulation, Inc. (NASDR), Office of Dispute Resolution is recruiting arbitrators and mediators for hearing locations nationwide.

NASD is the largest self-regulatory organization in the U.S., with membership that includes virtually all securities broker/dealer firms in the nation. Arbitrators receive an honorarium of \$225 to \$275 per day, with the average hearing lasting 2-3 days. Qualified candidates should be familiar with the securities industry or have past arbitration experience. To apply, call Susan Blue at (415) 882-1234.

Renew Your HWL Membership Now

\$40 Member Dues Goes Long Way for Hawai'i Women Lawyers

At only \$40 a year, professional membership in HWL is one of the best bargains in town. If you want to make your dollars go a long way toward funding worthwhile programs to further the legal rights of women and children in Hawai'i, you should renew your HWL membership NOW!

In the best tradition of HWL, dues have funded ongoing HWL programs designed to reach out to women and children in the community, as well as for the professional advancement of our members. **YOUR DOLLARS ARE NEEDED, AND THEY ARE USED WISELY.**

HWL Projects

Last year alone, dues-paying members of HWL financed an emergency rally and press conference in support of successful lobbying for **permanent funding for the Missing Child Center of Hawai'i**. Dues paid for the tracking service which kept our legislative committee informed of the status of bills pending in the 1997 Legislative Session, so that HWL could provide supportive testimony and **lobbying for women's and children's legislation**. Your membership fees helped to fund **community arts education projects for at-risk youths** in housing projects such as the Palolo Valley community mural project created in partnership with the Hawai'i Alliance for Arts Education.

Dues also financed a 1997 public outreach program that included co-sponsoring a community dialogue with **domestic violence expert Bonnie Campbell** from the Federal Justice Department, as well as various **domestic violence awareness projects** with SAVD and the YWCA.

Without membership dues, HWL could not have done any of the above projects. We could not have launched our Mentor Program for first-year law students, or provided the HWL Annual Awards event, recognizing the exceptional achievement of women in the legal community as well as in the community at large. In years past, your dues have also enabled us to present Political Candidates Forums, to give an equal platform to all female candidates running for county, state, and congressional offices.

Aid From HWL

HWL members should know, in fact, that their dues can be, and are, used for projects because HWL's operating expenses are subsidized by our sister organization, the Hawai'i Women's Legal Foundation (HWLF). Each year HWLF--which itself grew out of HWL and into an independent non-profit foundation--has given a grant-in-aid to HWL to cover a portion of our administrative expenses. However, the cost of the newsletter alone surpasses the entire amount that HWL received from HWLF last year.

Thus, while HWL is most appreciative of the aid received from HWLF, most of the project activities of HWL have to be funded by dues revenues.

A Member's Perspective

HWL Board member and Membership Co-Chair Nancye L. Bethurem puts it in more personal terms:

*"When I was informed that I had only a few days to move to Hawai'i and begin my Environmental Law Specialist position with a federal agency, I quickly made a 'to do' list for the move. My list was as follows:
Day 1: Find a place to live
Day 6: Start work
Day 7: Join Hawaii Women Lawyers
Day 8: Buy a car*

*"You might ask, 'Why did I think it so important to join HWL during my first week in Hawai'i?'"
"The answer is easy. It was the way to connect with my peers; to work with others toward a common goal of empowering women in the legal profession, in the justice system and in society.*

"I want to change the world. Life is change; growth is optional. I prefer to take that option."

"Renew your membership. (You will be receiving your renewal form soon.) If you are not already a member, consider joining us. If you would like a membership application, or have any questions regarding our group, please call me at 438-6720.

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HWL Members Elected to Leadership of Bar Association

The Hawai'i State Bar Association has announced the 1998 election results for both HSBA and the Young Lawyers Division. Hawai'i Women Lawyers' members are taking office in both groups.

Nancy N. Grekin was elected Treasurer and **Carol K. Muranaka** as Secretary of the HSBA.

Additionally, HWL members, **Iwalani D. White** and **Cynthia Winegar** will now sit on the fourteen-member Board of Directors.

In the Young Lawyers Division of the HBSA, Hawai'i Women Lawyers' member **Cynthia K. Ching** has been elected Vice President/President Elect. She will assume the top honor when the current completes her term of office. Also newly elected to the Board of Directors is HWL member **Robyn C. Smith**, now serving with seven other O'ahu members.

Hawai'i Women Lawyers congratulates all of the newly elected officers and board members, and wishes them a successful and fulfilling term of office.

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American Bar Association Issues Certificates of Appreciation to Hawai`i Women Lawyers

Cites "Our Rights, Our Lives" and "Multilingual Domestic Violence Help Cards" as "Ennobling" Partnership Projects

CHICAGO -- On December 29, 1997, the American Bar Association notified Hawai`i Women Lawyers that two recent publications have each been awarded a 1997 ABA Certificate of Appreciation.

Since publishing the Third Edition of "Our Rights, Our Lives," a set of six award-winning handbooks outlining, in simple lay terms, the rights and responsibilities of citizens of Hawai`i, over 8,000 copies of the books have been distributed free of charge throughout the state in 1997.

In addition to heading up the distribution efforts for OROL, HWL Vice President/President Elect Rosemary McShane was also responsible for coordinating the efforts of Advocates for Immigrant Women, translators from Na Loio No Na Kanaka, and other volunteers who participated in the creation of Domestic Abuse Help Cards. The cards were printed in six languages (plus English) and have been distributed free on O`ahu. Due to their success, Neighbor Island versions of the cards are already in production.

In their notification letter, the American Bar Association thanked HWL for continuing to "provide service to the public and to ennoble the profession...We applaud your efforts to make a difference."

Detailed information on both of the HWL publications will be distributed by the ABA to law-related organizations around the country in an effort to inspire similar projects in other areas.

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