



HAWAI'I WOMEN LAWYERS NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 17th 11:00 a.m.

Brunch buffet celebrating 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, featuring Sarah Weddington. Waikiki Prince Hotel \$75 (\$45 is tax deductible)
Call Dani at 234-6888 for reservations.

Monday, May 18th 11:45 a.m.

Plaza Club "The Nuts & Bolts of Running for Public Office" featuring former State Senator Ann Kabayashi. (details on this page)

Friday, May 22nd

HSBA Practice Management Workshop on Employment Law (see page 3)

Wednesday, May 27th

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Project drop-off at YWCA

Saturday, May 30th

10:00 a.m. to noon Clothes Closet Project drop-off at YWCA

Tuesday, June 2nd

6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Clothes Closet Project drop-off at YWCA

Senator Kobayashi Guest Speaker

May 18th: "The Nuts & Bolts of Running for Public Office"

Have you ever been tempted with the idea of running for public office? Do you wonder how much time and money it *really* takes to mount a successful campaign? Here's your chance to find out.

Former State Senator Ann Kobayashi will be the featured speaker at a luncheon co-sponsored by Hawai'i Women Lawyers and the Hawai'i Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Senator Kobayashi has extensive legislative experience, having served on numerous senate committees. In addition, she has served and currently serves on a variety of civic, community and charitable organizations, boards and committees.

Please join us for an informative and lively luncheon program, as Ann takes us through the "nuts and bolts" of running for public office. From filing the proper forms, to waving at passing cars during rush hour traffic, we'll cover the basics of campaigning Hawai'i-style.

Monday, May 18, 1998

The Plaza Club, 20th Floor

900 Fort Street Mall

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Your check for \$15 will secure your luncheon reservation. The menu will feature chicken piccata with capers over linguine, green salad and dessert. Vegetarian pasta will also be available, upon request.

To make a reservation or get additional information on this program, please call Kay Lorraine at the HWL office (545-8055).

Give Your Old Clothes to HWL Drive

May 27th, May 30th, and June 2nd

It's hard enough applying for a job after a long period away from the work force. Just imagine the additional obstacles that homeless and economically disadvantaged women face. **How can a woman earn enough to get off welfare or leave a domestic violence situation, if she is unable to even dress presentably for the interview?**

Hawai'i Women Lawyers has teamed up with the Women's Resource Center of the YWCA to create The Clothes Closet Project, providing a work wardrobe for women in transitional situations. By donating usable business clothes you no longer wear, you can help someone make a fresh start in life.

To make it easy to donate, three curbside drop off dates have been established (see Calendar of Events at the left of this page). Please bring your clean, pressed business clothing on hangers, and dress shoes in good condition to the Richards Street YWCA on one of the convenient drop off days. You don't even need to leave your car!

Want additional information? Call Calleen at 522-0673 or Madeline at 532-5630.

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Na'unanikina'u Kamali'i

Attorney Na'u Kamali'i works as Manager of Program Development at Queen's Health Management. Her unique perspective has been invaluable over the past few years to the HWL Board. Her many affiliations to other groups have connected HWL to community service projects in which we would not otherwise have become involved.

HWL: Did you always plan to be a lawyer?

Kamali'i: "No. I got my undergraduate degree in Geology and Anthropology. I wanted to work in coastal zone management. Unfortunately, Ronald Reagan took office in 1981, and a lot of those programs were cut.

"So, I took a job as a bailiff at Family Court. A pilot project for mediation had just begun and I always had an interest in Hawaiian cultural dispute resolution.

"Judge Lance and Judge Towne encouraged me to go to law school. I got my law degree in 1986, from Hastings at the University of California. I returned to Hawai'i to clerk for Judge Vitousek until she retired. Then I went into private practice."

HWL: With how many different groups are you presently affiliated?

Kamali'i: "I'm real active in the Native Hawaiian Bar Association. I'm acting chair of the traditional peace-making committee, and also working on a project to train Haku (practitioners) in the tradition of ho'oponopono. I'm working on an alliance with the NHBA, Neighborhood Justice Center, LASH and the Queen Lilio'ukulani Trust to deliver ho'oponopono training for the new Waianae Center for ADR Program. Then there's the Hawai'i Alliance for Arts Education which is a Kennedy Center affiliate.

Last year, I did a fellowship with the Asian Pacific American Women's Leadership Institute. Completing the fellowship is a testimony of a fellow's personal commitment to nurture caring individuals and create healthy communities. The creation of healthy communities is why I have to sit on so many boards. It just doesn't connect up otherwise. At least not for me."

HWL: What do you think you contribute to the HWL Board?

Kamali'i: "I represent the host culture perspective with respect to the community. My experience is very

different from that of a mainland-born Caucasian or a Japanese woman. This is good. I always encourage people to speak from their home culture (the culture from which they originate). We tend to resort to the Western perspective in problem solving, and yet, all perspectives are needed to create a healthy community. We've had a particularly strong board this year, partly due to the fact that this group of women is very diverse. Yet each seems to be quite comfortable speaking from her home culture and experience. It's been interesting."



Clockwise from lower left: Bebe Richardson, Chiye Wenkam, Irene Vasey, Louise Ing (holding her daughter Julia Sitch) Constance Hassell, Nancye Bethurem, Carol Mon Lee, and Rhonda Griswold

Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation Holds Fundraiser With the Emphasis on Fun.

On Sunday, April 26th, at the Makiki Heights home of Rick and Terry Clifton, the HWLF restored their popular "Mad Hatter's Tea Party." Organizer Bernice Littman (the *Official*

Mad Hatter) supervised the making and serving of "high tea" to more than 30 invited HWLF members. Everyone had fun while raising money for HWLF's grants and programs.



Clockwise from lower left: Judge Helen Gillmor, Judge Betty Vitousek, Terry Clifton, Susan Oki Mollway, Rosemary McShane, Susan M. Ichinose, and Asst. Dean Carol Mon Lee

HWL Spearheads Support From Women Lawyers Across the U.S.

Susan Oki Mollway Nomination Moves to U.S. Senate Floor

In an effort to move the federal court nomination of HWL member Susan Mollway out of the Senate Judicial Committee, where it has been languishing for 26 months, HWL and other women's legal groups from across the country appealed to members of the committee. On May 27, 1998, the Judicial Committee approved Ms. Mollway's nomination, which now moves to the Senate floor for full vote. HWL thanks these groups for making their voices heard.



Federal Judicial Nominee Susan Oki Mollway

Rhoda Lewis Award for Public Service Presented to Laurie Tochiki, of the Kids First Program.



Pictured is Rhoda Lewis Public Service Award Winner Laurie Tochiki (center), with award-presenter Alicia Leonhard (far left) and HWLF President Linda Martell (far right)

HSBA Program Scheduled for May 22nd

And the Cobbler's Children Had No Shoes....Employment Law for the Office

All too often we meet our clients' needs while neglecting our own. This program will focus on some of the more common employment law and human resource issues encountered in the law office. The recruitment, selection, training, and termination (when necessary) of employees are age-old challenges. Come and learn practical strategies for avoiding employment law litigation

Speaking at the seminar will be Gregory Sato, Esq. who has practiced labor and employment law for the last eighteen years. Since 1987, he has been a partner in the employment law section of Torkildson Katz Fonseca Jaffe Moore Heatherington.

This free workshop will run from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the HSBA conference room. Reservations are limited and can be made by calling 537-1868.

Chop Sui Generis

Congratulations to the family of HWL Board member **Suzanne Terada**, who welcomed their newest member, baby Hannah, born on April 16th.

Suzanne reports that Hannah is beautiful and, best of all, "She's real good in the office."

Members wishing to extend their congratulations to Suzanne can reach her at her office number, 533-0011.

A Pre-Law North Carolina Honors Senior graduating with a double major in Political Science and Nursing Biology is seeking a paid or unpaid summer internship in Hawai'i, while awaiting entrance to Richardson School of Law. Her interest is in medical law.

For a copy of her resume or other information, please contact **Rachel Yvonne Staton** at (704) 597-0372 or (704) 567-2200.



Congratulations to **Bernice Littman** for organizing a very successful HWLF "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" event

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**June 19th Date Set for HWL Annual
Membership Meeting at Murphy's**

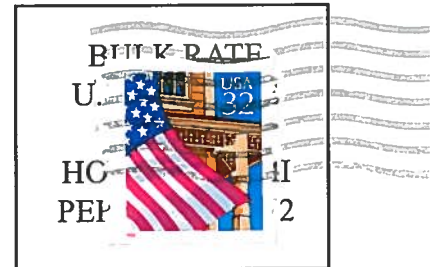
A Little Bit of Business and a Whole Lot of Fun

HWL's Bylaws require that we hold an annual membership meeting. Luckily, nothing in the Bylaws requires that the meeting be boring. On Friday, June 19th, a pau hana membership meeting will be held at Murphy's at the corner of Nuuanu and Merchant Streets in downtown Honolulu, a site specifically chosen to encourage a casual, fun atmosphere.

Changes in the Bylaws to be Presented

At the membership meeting, HWL will present the Bylaws revisions which were unanimously ratified by the Board earlier this spring. Among the revisions, are a provision for teleconferencing; flexibility in the installation procedure; and the substitution of the word "facsimile" for "telegraph" in the meeting-notice rules. According to Sec. 12.2, Charter of Incorporation, *The power to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors, subject to repeal or change by action of the members.* The Bylaws are on file at the HWL office and are available for review during normal business hours. Any member in good standing wishing to make a motion to rescind the changes adopted by the Board is requested to notify President Susan Ichinose by June 12, 1998, so that the motion may be placed on the meeting agenda.

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