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Thursday, November 5th noon
"What You Want to Know About Family Law: Q &A" HSBA Young Lawyers Division Kokua Brown Bag Seminar featuring Circuit Court Judge Michael A. Town and Jacqueline Y.M. Kong, Esq. of Takushi Funaki Wong & Stone. to be held in the HSBA Conference Room located at 1136 Union Mall, PH-1 in downtown Honolulu. Call 537-1868 for reservations. Free.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Various Activities Planned Around the State

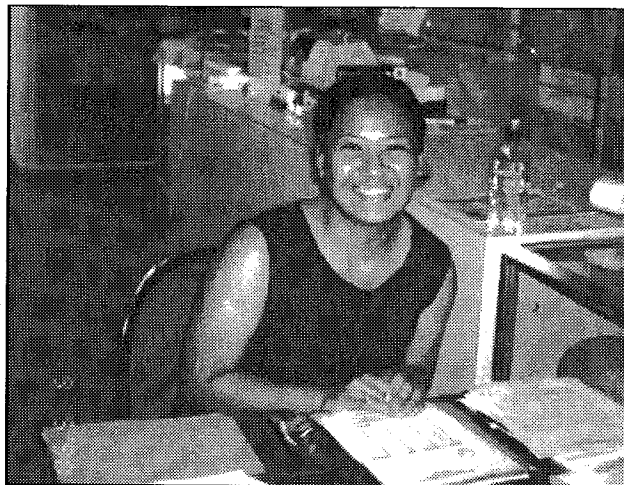
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Hawai'i Women Lawyers urges each of our readers to participate in at least one of the many activities scheduled around the state.

On October 17th, you can join in the "Workout Against Violence" to be held at 9:00 am in room #129 at the Laniakea YWCA. This two-hour fitness class will include refreshments and gifts, with all proceeds going to women's shelters. Also at the Laniakea and various other pools on the island, you can "Swim Against the Tide of Violence" and help to raise money for women's shelters. Just call Noey at 538-7061, ext. 212, for details.

Candlelight Vigils, honoring the memories of victims of domestic violence will be held on October 20th on Oahu (259-8499); Oct. 21st on Kaua'i (245-5959); October 24th on the Big Island (935-8229).

From 9:00 am to 5:00 pm all month, the UH Student Services in room #211 will be collecting women and children's clothes and toys for shelters (956-8059). On Oct. 24th, AmeriCorps, SAVD & the Junior League of Hawai'i will be conducting a food drive to benefit Oahu shelters. Please call 566-0661 for time and location of the drop-off points.

For a faxed list of 23 other scheduled anti-violence activities including workshops, exhibits and theater, just call the HWL office at 545-8055.



HWL/WRC Clothes Closet Project Continues to Seek Women's Business Clothing in Larger Sizes

Women's Resource Center Volunteer logging in donations at a reception hosted by Jo Rae Exclusives

September Reception Highlights Successful Joint Venture

The Clothes Closet Project is always looking for clean, presentable clothing suitable for office wear in larger sizes. So we were especially appreciative of the efforts of Jo Hirokane and her staff at Jo Rae Exclusives in Ward Warehouse for their recent incentive program to increase donations in sizes 14 and larger. Mahalo to all who participated. Business clothing is still being accepted at the Women's Resource Center at the Downtown Honolulu YWCA.

Neighborhood Justice Center to Benefit From 1998 HSBA Fundraiser

"An Evening With Keali'i Reichel," this year's HSBA Fundraiser will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on Saturday, November 21st. The beneficiaries are the Neighborhood Justice Center, and the HSBA Public Services Fund, administered by the Hawai'i Justice Foundation.

Although the Neighborhood Justice Center has been around since 1979, there is still some confusion within the community as to its funding and position within the legal system. Despite misconceptions, the NJC is not an official part of the court system, although it often works closely with the courts and attorneys. NJC is a private, non-profit organization. It is supported by private donations, corporate support, the Aloha United Way, state contracts (including the Judiciary) and charitable foundations.

The Center works with state courts, police and community groups, and other agencies and groups to develop and implement conflict resolution programs.

Disputes between neighbors, landlords & tenants, employers & employees, divorcing couples, and parents & children are among the typical situations handled at the Center's Honolulu offices at 200 North Vineyard Boulevard.

Each party is charged only a modest filing fee, although services are provided regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

Since an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, NJC is also active in showing people and groups how to avoid disputes in the first place, by training them in problem-solving and cooperative-planning skills.

If you know of a community group, or have clients who could benefit from the Neighborhood Justice Center's services, call 521-6767.

If you would like to attend the HSBA Fundraising dinner and hear Keali'i Reichel in Concert, just call Nancy Arcayna at the Hawaii State Bar Association at 537-1868. Tickets to the event are \$100 per person.

World Premier of "The Story of Susanna"

Oct. 30 thru Nov. 8 at UH

Comments by Attorney General Margery Bronster, and a canned food drive for local women's shelters will kick off "The Story of Susanna," a domestic violence awareness play featuring integrated dance sequences by the Iona Pear Dance Theater.

Produced with a variety of sponsors and in coordination with domestic violence service providers and organizations around Hawai'i, "The Story of Susanna" is the saga of one woman's struggle to triumph over an abusive relationship and drug abuse to reclaim her dreams. This Kennedy Theatre Mainstage production will play on October 30th and 31st, November 5th, 6th, and 7th at 8:00 pm and on November 8th at 2:00 (matinee signed for hearing impaired).

"The Story of Susanna" is a serious, poignant and sometimes comical play about women, violence and healing. The play explores the misshapen cultural images and messages which lead to women's vulnerability, the effects of abuse and violence, and the possibility of collective and individual recovery. Seven cast members will portray a variety of characters, sharing the space with dancers from the Iona Pear Dance Theatre as the story is told.

On October 19th, tickets will go on sale at the Kennedy Theatre Box office, the UH Campus Center, and all Connection Outlets. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$9 for students, seniors, military and UH faculty/staff, and \$3 for UHM students with a validated Fall 1998 I.D. The Connection Outlet's 24-hour phone service may be reached at 545-4000 (service charges apply). For more information, call the Kennedy Theatre Box office at 956-7655 (voice/text).

An Open Invitation to HWL & HWLF Members

Blessing and Office Warming Friday, October 16th

HWL member Kimberly S. Towler is expanding her practice from children's law to include all areas of family law. She invites all HWL and HWLF members to join her for a blessing and office warming in the Art Room at her newly relocated offices at 2500 Pali Highway, Second Floor, Suite 4. Her mailing address will remain P.O. Box 456, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96809. Her new office telephone number is 595-2699, and her new fax number is 595-2598.

Kimberly has been representing children as their guardian ad litem for the past seventeen years. She is one of two attorneys on contract to the Judiciary's Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Program, is active in CAPA, HSBA's Family Law and Child & Parent Advocate Sections. She is a Level One member of the Custody Guardian Ad Litem Program, is active in custody cases, and is a member of the Family Court's Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee.

She is looking forward to the expansion of her practice and hopes to see all of her friends and peers at her office warming.

Open Call For Aspiring Stars and Writers

HSBA Variety Show & Journal

The Hawaii State Bar Association will be celebrating its centennial in 1999. HSBA plans on presenting a spectacular variety show exhibiting the unique talents of members of the bar. The legal community is enthusiastically invited to join in this celebration by displaying your special acting, dancing, singing, and writing skills for this festive event. Please contact David C. Farmer at 539-0466, for details.

HSBA is also planning a centennial issue of the Hawaii Bar Journal in October 1999. They plan to present a historical perspective of the 100 years of the bar association. Besides the non-fiction aspect, they are seeking fiction written by attorneys: short stories and poetry about the law and lawyers. If you have been waiting for an opportunity to exhibit your talent and joy in writing, this is it! Please telephone Carol K. Muranaka at 541-3350 to participate on this project.

Nominations Open for 1998 HWL Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1998 HWL Lifetime Achievement Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Hawai'i Woman Lawyer of the Year.

You may fax your suggestions to the HWL office at 545-8636. Please include a brief (or not so brief) explanation of why you believe your nominee deserves to be recognized.

Awards will be given during the annual HWL Awards Reception to be held in early 1999.

Law School Co-Sponsoring Free Series *Legal Experts to Discuss Racial Perspectives*

The University of Hawaii's Distinguished Lecture Series has joined The William S. Richardson School of Law in co-sponsoring a public lecture and a panel discussion featuring Lani Guinier (Harvard Law), Gerald Torres (The University of Texas School of Law) and Eric Yamamoto (Richardson School of Law). Professor Guinier gained national attention when she became the first female tenured faculty member at the Harvard Law School. This accomplishment is additionally notable since she is also a woman of color.

"Race, Representation, and Power"

Tuesday, October 20th at 7 p.m.

"What is Critical About Race Theory?"

Wednesday, October 21, at 7 p.m.

Both events will be held at the Campus Center Ballroom, UH Manoa, and are free of charge. A special mahalo to the lawfirm of Davis Levin Livingston Grande for helping to underwrite funding for this event. For additional information about the series, contact David J. Baker, Chairman of the University Distinguished Lecture Series Committee, at 956-9405 or bakerd@hawaii.edu.

Professional Women's Network 15th Annual Trade Show October 26th

On Monday, October 26th, the Professional Women's Network will be holding their 15th annual trade fair at the Ilikai Hotel's Pacific Ballroom. The event will run from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. This year, over 100 booths and display tables will feature goods and services designed to help Hawai'i's business women expand their business positions.

This year's event will open with a fashion show of business clothing by Anne Klein, and will end with the sounds of the Honolulu Symphony Galliard Quartet. In between, emcee Kimo Kahoano will draw raffle prizes and conduct a silent auction to benefit the Professional Women's Network Alex Memorial Scholarship Fund, providing support to women wishing to further their education.

These days, golf can be an integral part of doing business, so the program will also include free golf lessons given throughout the evening by the Pacific Gold Academy's PGA professional, Dave Kowalczyk.

Approximately 1,000 people are expected to attend the trade show. Most of the attendees will be middle-management executives and entrepreneurs. Many of them will undoubtedly need legal advice within the next six months.

Tickets to this event are only \$5 each. The price includes a dinner buffet and all activities. A no-host bar will also be available.

For information regarding a booth or display table, call Arlene Krupa in Honolulu at 593-9114.

To reserve tickets for the event, call Eve Hamilton at 671-2861, or you can buy them at the door.

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**Princeton Review Rates UH Law School
in Top Ten for Female and Minorities
in Both Faculty and Student Body**

All of the first semester's substantive law courses at the William S. Richardson School of Law are taught by women faculty this year! Professor Eric Yamamoto is on sabbatical this year, and Danni Hart (UH '92) is visiting in his stead. Danni just completed her LLM at Harvard and is enjoying teaching Civil Procedure. She joins other first year teachers: Denise Antolini (Torts), HWL Board Member Hazel Beh (Contracts), Ginny Hench (Criminal Justice) and Leinaala Seeger (Legal Bibliography). It is suspected that the number of female faculty in the first year line-up is unusual among law schools. The *Princeton Review of Best Law Schools* places the William S. Richardson School of Law in the top ten schools for percentage of female faculty.

The UH Law School's student body is also noted as the most ethnically diverse law school in the country. The 1998-99 first year class includes (among others) American Indian, Hawaiian, Filipino, Korean, Pacific Island, African American, Caucasian, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, and Middle Eastern students. This year's class is 52% female; the average age of students is 28; 27% are non-residents. According to the *Princeton Review*, the school also ranks in the top ten for its proportion of minority and female representation.

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