



HAWAI'I WOMEN LAWYERS NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday, February 16th

1099 Alakea St., 20th Floor noon--1:00
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Plaza Club Noon luncheon featuring
U.S. District Court Judge Susan Oki
Mollway. (Details on this page.)

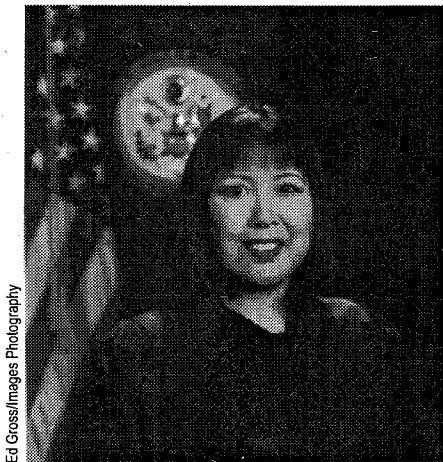
Friday, February 26th

HSBA Conference Room 3:30--5:00 p.m.
"Managing (the inside of) Your Business:
People, Paper & Systems" with Leslie
Ishimi, office manager at Takushi Funaki
Wong & Stone No charge to HSBA
members. Call the HSBA at 537-1868
to make a reservation.

Saturday, February 27th

Alakea YWCA 9:00 a.m.--3:00 p.m.
Garage sale benefiting the Clothes
Closet Project. Volunteers are needed.
Call Madeline Harcourt at 532-5630.

The Honorable Susan Oki Mollway Featured Luncheon Speaker on February 24th



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What To Expect at Hearings & Trials in Her Courtroom

What should attorneys expect at hearings and trials in the courtroom of Hawaii's newest United States District Court Judge, The Honorable Susan Oki Mollway?

Find out by attending a joint program of Hawaii's Women Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association, Hawaii Chapter. The program is entitled "Susan Oki Mollway: A Jurist in Transition."

Luncheon will be served and a choice of entrees is available. When making your reservation, please specify Chicken Tenderloin or Vegetable Stir Fry with Pasta. The cost of the luncheon and program is \$15 for FBA and HWL members; \$20 for non-members.

Susan Oki Mollway: A Jurist in Transition

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

The Plaza Club, 20th Floor

900 Fort Street Mall

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

To make a reservation, please call Rae McCorkle at 529-7418 or send your check payable to Federal Bar Association, Hawaii Chapter, in care of K. Rae McCorkle, Five Waterfront Plaza, 4th Floor, 500 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

HWL Award Winners Honored

Standing room only at this year's HWL Awards Reception. See page 2 for story and pictures.



Hawai'i Women Lawyers Honors Four Outstanding Individuals

On Friday, February 5th, the atrium of the Plaza Club overflowed with warmth and aloha as four extraordinary leaders of the Hawaii community were honored for their achievements and service to the community.

Federal Judge Helen Gillmor delivered a Joint Resolution from the U.S. Congressional Delegation. Governor Ben Cayetano sent letters of congratulations to the honorees via Lt. Governor Mazie Hirono. Councilmember Rene Mansho presented a Certificate of Recognition. And all the women of the State House of Representatives signed an Honorary Resolution Between the House and Senate, sponsored by Representative Cynthia Thielen.

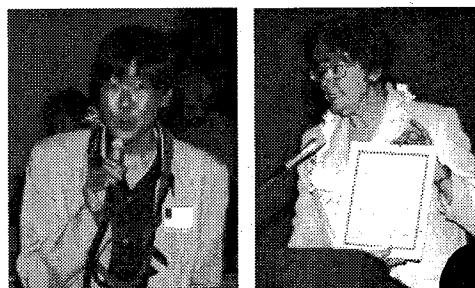
As he stood surrounded by graduates of the school named in his honor, Lifetime Achievement Honoree, Chief Justice William S. Richardson told of his pride in seeing the advances that women had made in the legal profession and his honor in having played a significant role in that process.

Distinguished Service Award Winner Dr. Jackie Young talked about the obligation that the legal community has to uphold the rights of all citizens. In addition to reminiscing about her lifetime struggle for equal rights, she spoke of her most recent battle with cancer.

Sister Michele McQueeney drew cheers from the crowd as she accepted the President's Award. She quickly pointed out that she was only representing the real honorees, her beloved CSI staff members, whom she then introduced individually. The recognition was particularly poignant as she revealed that in the eleven years of CSI's service to the community, this was the first public recognition they have received.

Attorney General Margery S. Bronster made it clear that she was touched to be honored by her peers as Outstanding Woman Lawyer of 1998. In addition to speaking warmly of the other honorees, Bronster also expressed her sincere gratitude to everyone at the AG's office.

The evening served as an inspiration for many in attendance, for it offered clear, unambiguous testimony to the difference one person can make in the community as a whole.



Pictures from this Awards Reception, as well as photos from HWLF's October fundraiser were taken by photographer D. Terry Bauckham. Copies may be purchased by paging Terry at 576-3580.



Civility and Collegiality in Hawaii's Legal Profession

"Playing the Game" Workshops

The Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association will be presenting a new workshop series entitled, "Playing the Game" in Hawaii. The first of these one-hour workshops will be held at Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel Conference Room at 1099 Alakea Street, 20th floor.

Guest speakers will be Supreme Court of Hawai'i Chief Justice Ronald Moon, Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang and James Kawachika, Esq. of Kawachika & Osaki.

Space is limited!! The event is free but YLD members get preferred seating, so advance reservations are a must. Please call 537-1868 to get on the waiting list for available seats.

Judicial Selection Commission Candidates Sought

The eight-member Judicial Selection Commission has several positions opening up during the next few months. This includes at least one position to be filled by a lawyer. **Did you know that no woman attorney has ever been appointed to the Judicial Selection Commission?** Hawai'i Women Lawyers believes that this situation should be remedied. If you meet JSC qualifications and would be interested, we encourage you to apply for the Commission.

January's newsletter indicated that HWL has a position on the Commission. This was an error. HWL is interested in having more female judges appointed as well as having a qualified female attorney appointed to the Judicial Selection Commission.

Women of Wall Street

A class for women on the basics of financial planning and investing for themselves and their families.

Ke Kulana Wahine announces "Women of Wall Street," a basic class on financial planning for women. The class will be offered every second Wednesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The instructor, Heather Pelant, Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, will discuss the differences between stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. She will explain the Dow Jones Industrial Average and talk about the financial challenges unique to being a woman.

These classes are free of charge. The class location is room 103, at the Laniakea YWCA of Oahu at 1040 Richards Street in downtown Honolulu.

Advance reservations are not required. For more information, call Heather at 525-6934.

Grow Your Law Practice With a Web Site

For small law firms and solo practitioners, a web site may be worth the investment of time and money. It provides:

Instant credibility. By having a web site, you're making the statement that you're "with it" from a technological standpoint. Your web site says that you're poised to enter the 21st century.

Level playing field. A web site enables you to level the playing field with the "big guys." A solo attorney and a small firm (whether new to law or in practice for some years) can appear just as sophisticated and savvy as a large firm.

Easier, faster, and less expensive communication. You can communicate easier, more quickly, and more cost-effectively via a web site with existing clients, prospective clients, and referral sources (both attorneys and non-attorneys).

Enhanced credibility. With a web site, you can outline not only your credentials, but also the standards by which you operate your practice.

In addition, you can describe all of the areas of law within your practice -- some of which your existing clients may not even know about.

But where do you start? A free booklet is available to give you tips on design rules, choosing a domain name, what to include (and not include) in your web site, how to launch and publicize your web site, internet marketing, etc.

The book also discusses ethical issues, given that most states' regulations governing lawyer advertising do not expressly cover web sites. Disclaimers are an important part of web site planning.

The booklet is written by Denver attorney Barbara Leff, who specializes in the marketing to, and on behalf of, attorneys. She is a strong believer in jumping on board the World Wide Web bandwagon.

To get your free copy of "123 Great Marketing Ideas to Grow Your Law Practice Using a Web Site," call Barbara toll free at (800) 548-4498, fax her at (303) 337-4828, or visit her web site at www.legalwebworks.com

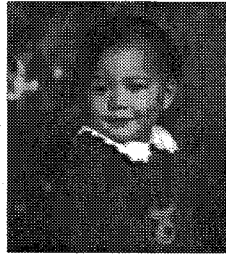
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Calla Ching

Last November, HWL Board member **Calleen Ching** traveled to China to bring home her new daughter, fifteen-month-old Calla Ching. Calla is now nearly 19 months old and has adjusted well to her new home. "She likes poi and takes her shoes off at every opportunity. She's just your basic local girl," reports Calleen.

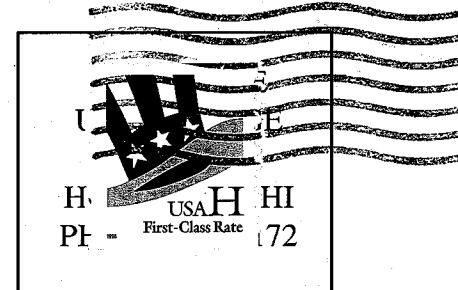
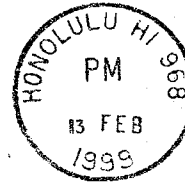
HWL Member **Linda Martell** and her husband, **John Barkai** of the Richardson School of Law, brought the first of their new twin daughters home from the hospital. Leah and Hope were born on January 28th. Hope is doing well and is expected to join her sister at home around the middle of February.



Leah (left) & Hope Barkai

Best wishes to **Susan M. Ichinose**, who has decided to fly solo in her own practice come March 1st. She will be continuing to do commercial litigation with emphasis on employment disputes, but plans to concentrate more of her efforts in the areas of mediation and arbitration. She will also be providing case evaluations and expert consultations for attorneys.

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