

## Upcoming Events

### October Brown Bag Lunches

#### Sisters Offering Support

**Who:** Lorraine Faithful and Marces Hall of Sisters Offering Support (SOS)

**What:** "Impact of Commercial Sexual Exploitation on Women & Youth in Hawaii"

**When:** October 19, 2004 at 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Case Bigelow & Lombardi, Pacific Guardian Center, Mauka Tower, 26th Floor

**Cost:** A bento lunch can be purchased for \$7 (chicken or vegetarian with bottled water)

**RSVP:** Lane Hornfeck McKay at [lmckay@starnlaw.com](mailto:lmckay@starnlaw.com)

#### Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline

**Who:** Shawna Sodersten and Jennifer Rose of Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline (DVCLH)

**What:** "How Domestic Violence Can Impact Your Practice"

**When:** October 22, 2004 at 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Case Bigelow & Lombardi, Pacific Guardian Center, Mauka Tower, 26th Floor

**Cost:** A bento lunch can be purchased for \$7 (chicken or vegetarian with bottled water)

**RSVP:** Lane Hornfeck McKay at [lmckay@starnlaw.com](mailto:lmckay@starnlaw.com)

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

HWL is sponsoring two brown bag seminars this month on Domestic Violence Awareness. The first brown bag seminar is being given by Lorraine Faithful and Marces Hall of Sisters Offering Support (SOS) on October 19, 2004 at Case Bigelow & Lombardi, Pacific Guardian Center, Mauka Tower, 26th Floor. The brown bag will focus on the "Impact of Commercial Sexual Exploitation on Women & Youth in Hawaii."

SOS is a non-profit organization that proactively supports individuals affected by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and its abuse by raising awareness through education, prevention, intervention, public policy reform and community collaborations. SOS focuses on the needs of survivors and their families with a multi-systemic approach by providing programs, transitional options, and a support network for all stages of recovery. SOS encourages healthy behavioral changes that promote an empowered lifestyle and combat CSE and its abusive effects.



Ms. Lorraine Faithful (pictured at left) is the SOS Executive Director. Ms. Faithful joined SOS in 1999 after a long career in the for-profit arena in management, accounting and sales.

Ms. Marces Hall (pictured at right) is the Youth Prevention Program Coordinator and former Peer Educator at SOS. After being introduced to the mission years ago, she became an active volunteer to support efforts to combat commercial sexual exploitation.



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# President's Column

Lane Hornfeck McKay, HWL President



Throughout the entire time I have known Melissa Pavlicek, she has been volunteering her time to advance equal opportunities for all people in the Hawaii community.

My very first introduction to Melissa was nearly ten years ago at the William S. Richardson School of Law (the "Law School"), when I was a first-year law student

and she was my "big sister" in a mentoring program. In our first meeting, she gave me outlines and tips on how to maneuver through Law School and later that year she taught me something much more important – to take care of the people around you – in your own home and in your community. Within a month of my starting school, Melissa basically "disappeared" from campus to help her family and take care of her grandmother who had cancer and who passed away that October.

Despite personal adversity, she continued to dedicate her free time that year to helping people in the community and to encouraging others to accomplish what they otherwise might think they cannot accomplish. With her urging and support later in the year, a number of female law students (including her and myself) formed a student chapter of HWL and renewed the Law School's connection with HWL. While I was clerking after Law School, Melissa volunteered for a Girl Scouts' shadow day student program, and asked me if she could bring female high school students to the Hawaii Supreme Court to see female attorneys at work. Amidst helping high school students to focus on the future and envision themselves as working professionals, she was also thinking of how to get another volunteer for HWL.

Roughly six years ago, she encouraged me to join the HWL board and to volunteer my time to advance the interests of women and children, in particular, and to advance equal opportunities for all people in the Hawaii community, in general. Even though Melissa served as HWL President in 2001 and 2002, and paid her dues so to speak, she continues to volunteer her time to HWL and currently serves as a co-

chair for the HWL Legislative Committee. Melissa also currently serves as the Vice-President of the Board of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and has been a board member since 2000. She is a current volunteer for Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii and has been a board member of the Hawaii Justice Foundation since 2002. For her volunteer work, Melissa has been honored with the Community Benefactor Award from the Girl Scout Council of Hawaii and the Governor's Kilohana Award for Volunteerism.

In addition to practicing commercial law, Melissa has also committed substantial time to the HSBA. Since 1997, she has served as a member of the HSBA Diversity Committee and has served as Co-Chair. She also served as the HSBA secretary in 1999. She served as the HSBA Business Law Section Chair and Vice-chair and has been a committee member since 2000. She served as the HSBA Employment Law Section Vice-chair in 1997, has been a co-chair of HSBA Judicial Administration Committee and a committee member since 2003. She also served on the HSBA Law Related Education Committee from 1998 – 2000.

Today, Melissa favors policies that support diversity in the profession, whether they are gender, ethnic, race, age, disability, political, religious, or sexual orientation. She believes that the legal profession is tremendously demanding on both men and women and supports alternative work arrangements that benefit all legal professionals who have family and other commitments outside of work. Melissa does not believe in supporting political or judicial candidates solely because they are female but believes in supporting qualified candidates who can do the job and who support and understand diversity issues.

For all of these reasons, I plan on voting for Melissa Pavlicek for HSBA President.

This column expresses the opinions of its author and is not intended to express any opinion on behalf of the HWL Board or the HWL membership.

— Lane Hornfeck McKay

Your Practice.”

The DVCLH has been working to reduce domestic abuse in Hawaii for over a decade. DVCLH is the only agency in the State whose services are uniquely designed to provide civil legal assistance and advocacy to domestic abuse victims, and whose caseload is comprised exclusively of these victims. Founded in 1990 and incorporated in 1991, DVCLH is also the only agency in the State that accepts large numbers of high risk contested divorce, temporary restraining order, post decree and paternity cases. Experiences with DVCLH’s clients and extensive networking with other service providers have made DVCLH painfully aware that victims of domestic violence and their children are not receiving the help they need. DVCLH wants to continue using its expertise to improve their safety and progress towards self-sufficiency and personal healing.

Shawna Sodersten is a board member of HWL, co-chair of the HWL Legislative Committee, and Supervising Attorney at DVCLH. A recent recipient of the Sunshine Peace Award given by the Sunshine Lady Foundation, Ms. Sodersten has dedicated her practice to advancing safety and protections for victims of domestic violence. Jennifer Solidum Rose has been an advocate and attorney on behalf of domestic violence survivors for the last thirteen years. Ms. Rose is currently the Director of Legal Services at the DVCLH, where she oversees two legal offices as well as the development of services to battered immigrants and the expansion of culturally-based projects focusing on leadership development and advocacy.

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## **“Civil Rights & You: An Introduction”**

Hawai’i Convention Center, Room 320

Thursday, October 28, 2004, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Registration Begins at 7:45 a.m. (\$5 flat parking fee)

The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) will be holding their second annual public civil rights training on October 28, 2004 at the Hawai’i Convention Center from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The training, entitled “Civil Rights & You: An Introduction,” is free of charge and open to the general public.

The presentation will cover an introduction to HCRC jurisdiction; relevant multi-media resources; discrimination based on sex, disability, race, age, arrest and court record, retaliation in employment, and housing discrimination. The presentation is designed to assist the general public, human resources professionals, attorneys, businesses, and labor organizations in understanding more about our state civil rights laws in an effective, informal, and useful way. This will be an interactive presentation and your questions are encouraged.

A registration form must be completed for each attendee and is available at the HCRC website at [www.hawaii.gov/hcrc](http://www.hawaii.gov/hcrc). Seating is limited, so please make a reservation for each attendee on the Notice/Registration form. You may mail, fax, or email your completed form(s). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Allen or staff at 586-8636. The reservation deadline is October 25, 2003, so make your free reservation today (1st registered, 1st served).

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## Save the Date

HWL is planning to sponsor a "Mentoring Mixer" in the third week of November 2004. Whether you are a first year, fifth year, or fifteenth year woman lawyer, please join us and help to create a supportive network for women attorneys to ask questions, get tips and give advice. Look for more details about the date, time and location of the "Mentoring Mixer" in next month's newsletter.