

Upcoming Events

Brown Bag Lunch

An Insider's View of the Honolulu Police Department: From Dispatcher to Assistant Police Chief

Who: Barbara Uphouse Wong, Esq.

What: An insider's view of the Honolulu Police Department. Barbara Wong started as an HPD police radio dispatcher in 1972 and was later hired as one of the first two female police officers. She retired as an Assistant Chief, HPD's 3rd highest rank, in 2000. She graduated magna cum laude from WSRSL in 2003 and is now an attorney with Pacific Law Group. This is an invaluable opportunity to hear an insider's view of HPD and about some of Barbara's experiences and lessons learned along the way.

When: Thursday, June 30, 2005 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Carlsmith Ball, ASB Tower, 22nd Fl.

RSVP: Attendance is \$8.00, lunch included. Please contact Wendy Hanakahi at wfh@m4law.com or 529-7420. Please send a check payable to Hawaii Women Lawyers to her by June 27, 2005 at P.O. Box 2800, Hon. 96803, if you wish to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

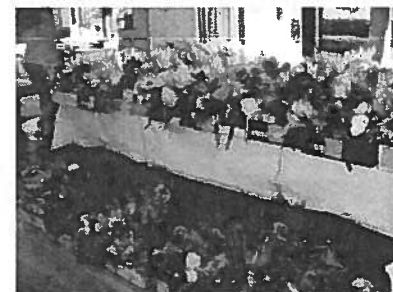
HWLF's 15th Annual Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2005, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom. Details to follow.

HWL's Annual Mother's Day Project A Huge Success



Through the generosity and help of HWL members and friends, HWL distributed 1,654 gift bags of new toiletries and cosmetics: 260 to Guardians Ad Litem, 40 to Ka Hale Ho Ala Hou No Na Wahine (half way house), 101 to the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse & Legal Hotline, and 1,253 to the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Division.

Mahalo to the many, many HWL members and friends who contributed the gift items, loaned their offices as drop off points, and sorted, packaged, and distributed the gift bags. A special mahalo to Karen and Malcolm for volunteering their wonderful home and for volunteering Malcom's cooking skills for five straight weeks. Once again, with Karen Char and June Lee's incredible craft skills and Elizabeth Kent's uncanny ability to spot and obtain quality donations, the gift bags looked beautiful.



HWL Annual Membership Meeting and Installation of Officers and Directors

HWL is a member-driven organization, so mark your calendars and come and meet your fellow members at this annual event.

Food, fun and door prizes too!

When: Thursday, June 9, 2005 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Cades Schutte, 12th Floor

Cost: Free to all HWL members, all others \$20.00

RSVP: If you would like to attend, please contact Shellie Park at shellie@hawaii.edu by June 6, 2005.

A Brown Bag Discussion on Practicing in Federal Court and Pursuing Claims under Federal Legislation

by Wendy Hanakahi and Lane Hornfeck McKay

On April 19, 2005, Lynn M. Aylward-Bingman, Esq., of Benchmark Medical Consultants, gave an engaging and informative presentation on pursuing litigation in federal court under various federal acts, including but not limited to, the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"). Ms. Aylward-Bingman began as a civil litigator in San Diego in 1978, when there were few women lawyers practicing law in San Diego. Throughout her career, she has remained committed to seeing meaningful representation of women in the law in both state and federal court.

While many practitioners shy away from bringing claims under the FTCA, for example, Ms. Aylward-Bingman has developed an expertise in this area. While sharing a number of vivid "war" stories, she discussed the nuances of handling claims with the proper governmental agencies when more than one agency may be involved and the relevant agency is not immediately identified.

For example, you may be able to protect and perform your client's obligation to exhaust administrative remedies, even if you accidentally file your claim with the wrong federal agency, if you simply insert into the bottom of your claim letter: "If for some reason, you are the wrong federal agency to handle this claim, please forward this claim to the appropriate agency." According to Ms. Aylward-Bingman, federal agencies have an obligation to forward such claims to the correct agencies if requested.

Similarly, Ms. Aylward-Bingman shared a few tips on how to avoid common pitfalls for the lawyer who does not commonly practice FTCA claims. For example, the FTCA prohibits the recovery of attorneys' fees beyond a statutorily-prescribed 25%, and the mere inclusion of a 30% contingency amount in your retainer agreement is a violation of federal law and can result in civil penalties. Ms. Aylward-Bingman also reminded us about the often forgotten Freedom of Information Act that allows you to obtain discovery from federal agencies prior to commencing litigation.

Overall, Ms. Aylward-Bingman explained that experience and detailed knowledge about your statutes are the basic keys to a successful practice in federal court.

HWL's Fifth Annual Balancing Family and Work Lunch

by Larissa Schwartz

On April 14, 2005, HWL sponsored the Fifth Annual Balancing Family and Work panel discussions at the William S. Richardson School of Law. This event started in 2001, when three students expressed an interest in speaking openly and candidly with practicing attorneys about the realities of raising families and having successful and fulfilling legal careers. Since then, students have continued to express interest in this subject, and HWL has provided a forum to do so, thanks to our HWL members who have graciously volunteered over the years to share their experiences and advice.

This year, approximately thirty-five students joined in lively and frank discussions. Thank you to the following attorneys for participating: Lynne McGivern (Ashford & Wriston), Ron Heller (Torkildson, Katz & Fonseca), Melissa Pavlicek (Alston, Hunt, Floyd & Ing), Jen-L Lyman (First Hawaiian Bank), Lane Hornfeck McKay (Starn, O'Toole, Marcus & Fisher), Stacey Djou (Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright), Desiree Moku'ohai (Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i), Linda S. Martell (per diem judge), Emi Kaimulua (Watanabe, Ing, Kawashima & Komeiji), and Kris Tsukiyama (Watanabe, Ing, Kawashima & Komeiji).

2005-2006 HWL Officers and Board of Director Candidates

It's time again for the election of your 2005-2006 HWL Officers and Board of Directors. See page 5 for your ballot and make sure you fill it out and return by mail. Your ballot must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2005. Who's running for office? Keep reading!



STACEY KAWASAKI DJOU, President (succeeds to office without election) -- Stacey is an associate in the Litigation Department of Cades Schutte. Her practice focuses on commercial and employment litigation. She served as Editor-in-Chief of the University of Hawaii Law Review and authored "Interspousal Torts: A Procedural Framework for Hawaii," 19 U. Hawaii L. Rev. 377

(1997). Ms. Djou clerked for Judge Susan Oki Mollway and Chief Judge Emeritus Samuel P. King in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.



LYNNE JENKINS MCGIVERN, Candidate for Vice-President and President-Elect -- Lynne graduated from California Western School of Law in San Diego in 1990. She was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, from 1990-2000, and specialized in the prosecution of domestic violence cases, and was the Branch Chief of the Felony Domestic Violence Unit

from 1997-2000. In January 2001, Lynne joined the law firm of Ashford and Wriston. She continues to specialize in cases with domestic violence dynamics. Lynne is married and has two sons. She loves to read, bake, hike, and attend her sons' baseball, soccer and basketball games.



EMI L. M. KAIMULOA, Candidate for Secretary -- Emi attended WSRSL and obtained her JD in 2002. Emi joined the HWL board in 2000, as a 2L law student interested in providing HWL with a strong connection to the students. After graduating, she clerked for Justice Nakayama and now works as an associate at Watanabe Ing Kawashima & Komeiji, in the Government &

Regulatory Affairs section. Emi is currently expecting her first child in August.



LAUREN R. SHARKEY, Candidate for Treasurer -- Lauren is an associate with Case, Bigelow & Lombardi. She concentrates her practice in business law and commercial litigation and is a member of the Hawaii and California bar. She graduated from Pepperdine School of Law and received a B.B.A. from the University of Hawaii at

Manoa. She is a former summer clerk to the Honorable Marie N. Milks of the First Circuit Court of Hawaii, Sixteenth Division. She currently serves on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and has been an HWL Board member, serving as Treasurer since 2000. Lauren was an auditor for Nishihama & Kishida, CPA's. She is also licensed as a certified public accountant in Hawaii and California.



LANE HORNFECK MCKAY, Immediate Past President (succeeds to office without election) -- Lane is a director with Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher where she concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and complex commercial litigation. Immediately prior to joining Starn O'Toole, Lane was an associate with the law firm of Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel and clerked for retired Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Mario

Ramil. She has taught as an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law, teaching Legal Methods Seminar and Appellate Advocacy.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS (2-year term, 7/1/05-6/30/07)



PRAIRIE BLY, Candidate for Board of Directors -- Prairie is an associate with Bays, Deaver, Lung, Rose & Baba. She concentrates her practice in business law, and commercial and employment litigation. Prairie graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law, where she was the Article Editor for the Berkeley Women's Law Journal. She also

has a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Spanish, and, prior to becoming an attorney, taught English in South America.



DIANNE WINTER BROOKINS, Candidate for Board of Directors -- Dianne is a senior associate at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing. Dianne began her legal career as a judge advocate in the Marine Corps, and then spent several years litigating insurance coverage and other complex commercial disputes in Seattle and Honolulu. She served for five years as associate general counsel to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. before joining Alston Hunt Floyd &

Ing in September 2001. Her practice continues to center on commercial

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litigation, primarily representing health care entities as part of the firm's Health Care Practice Group. Dianne has been a member of the program committee for the HWLF fall fundraiser for several years, and has just been elected to the HWLF Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Alternative Structures International, a non-profit corporation which provides behavioral health services and transitional housing for homeless families in the Waianae valley. Dianne holds a masters degree in systems management from the University of Southern California and her juris doctorate from the University of Washington School of Law. Her daughter Jessica, a Sophomore at Kalaheo High School, is the center of her universe. Dianne also sings with the Honolulu Symphony Chorus.



WENDY F. HANAKAHI, Candidate for Board of Directors -- Wendy is an associate with McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon and practices in the areas of commercial, employment, and insurance litigation. She is a 2003 graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law and currently serves on the Board of Directors

for the Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

ZALE OKAZAKI, Candidate for Board of Directors -- Zale is an associate with Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura and presently serving her third year as a board member. She encourages all other attorneys to participate in HWL activities such as brown bag lunch discussions, law day at the UH Law School, and creating crafts with HWLF for its annual fundraiser.

JENNIFER ROSE, Candidate for Board of Directors -- Jennifer is the Director of Program and Policy Development at the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline in Hawaii where she has worked for almost eight years. For the last few years, Ms. Rose has been responsible for the development of organizing and outreach strategies and improved intervention services to battered immigrants. She directs one of Hawaii's only culturally-based intervention efforts developing the leadership of Pilipino survivors of intimate partner abuse. She formerly directed the legal program at DVCLH. Ms. Rose is currently a member of the drafting committee for the Violence Against Women Act 2005 reauthorization efforts. Ms. Rose is an adjunct professor at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law, where she teaches a family law/domestic violence clinic. She is a grant reader for the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. She is a national trainer on issues such as family law, immigrant rights and

community-driven responses to domestic violence. Ms. Rose is a member of the advisory committee of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women and a Steering Committee member of the Asian Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence. She was a contributing author to "Breaking Barriers: A Complete Guide to Legal Rights and Resources for Battered Immigrants", a publication produced by Legal Momentum (formerly N.O.W. Legal Education and Defense Fund). As former in-house counsel to the Hawaii State Senate Judiciary Committee, Ms. Rose spent two years drafting and analyzing domestic violence legislation. She is also a former legal aid attorney, specializing in family law and FEMA issues. Ms. Rose received her Juris Doctor from UCLA School of Law in 1994 and has been an advocate in the Violence Against Women movement for the last 14 years.



PATSY SAIKI, Candidate for Board of Directors -- Patsy is General Counsel & SVP of First American Title Company, Inc. Prior to her current position, Patsy practiced in the area of commercial and real estate litigation at the law firm of Watanabe Ing Kawashima & Komeiji LLP. She attended Mount Holyoke College, and received her Juris Doctor degree in 1992 from the University of Hawaii, William S.

Richardson School of Law. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Institute for Human Services, Inc. and Helping Hands Hawaii, Inc.

The following persons will continue to serve their 2-year terms (expiring June 30, 2006) as members of the Board of Directors: M. Nalani Fujimori, Tricia Nakamatsu, Ruth Oh, and Shellie Park.

2005 Rhoda Lewis Public Service Award

The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation is still seeking nominations for the 2005 Rhoda Lewis Public Service Award. Please send your nomination, including a brief statement about the nominee, to HWLF at P.O. Box 2576; Honolulu, HI 96803-0576.

The Rhoda Lewis Public Service Award will be presented at the HWLF's annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party (date to be determined).

Hawai'i Women Lawyers Official Ballot for 2005 Elections for Board of Directors and Officers

All HWL members in good standing are eligible to vote in the annual election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and the Officers of HWL.

Instructions: Please vote for your candidate by marking the box to the right of the person's name with an "X" and mail your ballot to:

Hawai'i Women Lawyers
P.O. Box 2072
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96805

You may also detach and fold this page and mail to HWL. **All ballots must be received by 5 PM on June 4, 2005 to be counted.**

The terms of the new Board members and Officers will take effect on July 1, 2005. The new Board members and Officers will be "un-officially" installed at the Annual Meeting on June 9, 2005 at 5:30 p.m., at Cades Schutte, 12th Floor.

The following persons are running for officer positions:

- Lynne Jenkins McGivern, Vice-President and President-Elect
- Emi L. M. Kaimuloa, Secretary
- Lauren R. Sharkey, Treasurer
- Write in: _____ for _____
(name) (position)

Stacey Kawasaki Djou (President) and Lane Hornfeck McKay (Immediate Past President) succeed to office without election.

The following persons are running for positions as members of the Board of Directors for 2-year terms, 7/1/05 to 6/30/07. You may vote for up to 6 persons:

- Prairie Bly
- Dianne Winter Brookins
- Wendy Hanakahi
- Zale Okazaki
- Jennifer Rose
- Patsy Saiki
- Write in: _____ (name)
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Hawai'i Women Lawyers Resource Directory (2005-2006)

If you would like to be included in HWL's updated resource directory, please provide the following information and return this form by JUNE 15, 2005 to:

HWL - Resource Directory
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Thank you for your continued membership in HWL. We hope that this updated resource directory will benefit our community and our many HWL members.

Also, would you like to receive HWL newsletters via email? Yes No

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