

# HAWAII Women LAWYERS

June/July 2006

## High Tea at the YWCA

Mix, mingle and network with ABA members attending the ABA convention at a high tea sponsored by Hawaii Women Lawyers in conjunction with the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

Date: Friday, August 4, 2006  
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Courtyard at the YWCA  
1040 Richard Street, Hon., HI  
Costs: \$20.00

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~ in Law, at Home and at Work, in the Community ~

## ELLEN GODBEY CARSON 2006 Margaret Brent Woman Lawyer Award

Ellen Godbey Carson, Director of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, and four other distinguished honorees will be honored at the Sixteenth Annual Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon, on Sunday, August 6, 2006, at the Hawaii Convention Center, Kalakaua Ballroom, Honolulu, Hawaii, at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The keynote speaker is Kathleen Kennedy Townsend who served as the State of Maryland's first woman Lt. Governor and well known as eldest child of the late U.S. Senator and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and Ethel Kennedy. Additionally, presenters include: Pamela J. Roberts (Chair, ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, Michael S. Greco (President, ABA), Karen J. Mathis (President-Elect, ABA), and additional Honorees: Constance Slaughter-Harvey (Civil Rights Attorney and Activist, Forest MS), Honorable Peggy A. Quince (Justice, Supreme Court of Florida, Tallahassee, FL), Honorable Betty Roberts (Former Oregon Supreme Court Justice, Salem, OR), and Joan C. William (Distinguished Professor, Hastings College of the Law, University of California, San Francisco, CA).

For more information, please feel free to contact Ruth Oh, Esq. at Kobayashi, Sugita 7 Goda at 539-8700 or register directly with mainland contact Julia Gillespie, ABA Commission on Women Special Projects Manager at (312) 988-5668 or Gillespj@staff.abanet.org. Advance Registration Deadline is July 19, 2006.

## Book-Signing

Who: Lauren Rikleen, attorney and author

What: A book-signing lunch, sponsored by HWL and the HSBA Diversity Committee: *Ending the Gauntlet: Removing Barriers to Women's Success in the Law*. Lauren will discuss the challenges women face as they struggle to succeed in firms. Her book addresses all aspects of law firm life including firm management, the assignment process, billable hour demands, bus. generation, compensation, mentoring, attrition, and work/family issues. It also recommends change!

When: Thursday, Aug. 3, from 12 - 1 p.m.

Where: Watanabe Ing & Komeiji; First Hawaiian Bank Tower, 23rd Fl.

RSVP: Lunch Only (\$12), Lunch & Book (\$27 - Hardcover book \$25 value). Make all checks payable to Hawaii Women Lawyers). If you would like to attend, please contact Melissa Pavlicek at pavlicekm001@hawaii.rr.com or 523-3695 by July 27.

## Brown Bag Lunch

### Networking: Tips and Traps for Women

Who: Sherry P. Broder (Law Offices of Sherry Broder), and Ellen Godbey Carson and Louise K.Y. Ing (Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing)

What: A panel discussion offering tips to facilitate development of new business and client relationships, including "breaking the ice" with new contacts, building the relationship, differentiating yourself in your practice area, and avoiding common pitfalls.

When: Wednesday, September 13, 2006, from 12 - 1 p.m.

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

RSVP: Attendance is \$7.00, lunch included. If you would like to attend, please contact Zale Okazaki at zale.okazaki@hawadvocate.com or 529-7420 by Sept. 8, 2006, and mail your check, payable to Hawaii Women Lawyers, to her at 1001 Bishop St., Suite 2500, Honolulu, HI 96803

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



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 Char and Malcolm Tom 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.



*Thank you to All!!!*

## HWLF NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation annual fundraiser, "Can We Dance?", will be on October 14, 2006, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom.

The silent auction will showcase entertainment packages, original arts and crafts, and other items donated by Hawaii's attorneys. HWLF seeks your generous donation for the silent auction of:

- wine from your cellar
- tickets to a sports event
- dinner at your home
- a stay at your beach house
- a children's party
- original art or craft work
- homemade baked goods
- jewelry
- or other silent auction items

Perhaps you have clients who will donate gift certificates for hotel stays, dining, golf rounds, wine or other gifts.

To donate silent auction items, please contact any one of the following: Susan Kitsu at 722-4674 or [mssu@hotmail.com](mailto:mssu@hotmail.com), Gail Cosgrove at 523-0451 or [gcosgrove@objectionsustained.com](mailto:gcosgrove@objectionsustained.com) or Joy Miyasaki at 521-3255 or [jmm@miyasaki.com](mailto:jmm@miyasaki.com).

The last day for silent auction donations will be September 1!

# Death with Dignity: A Discussion on the Implications of *Gonzales v. Oregon*

By Della Au Belatti



On April 19, 2006, Hawaii Women Lawyers welcomed Professor Sylvia Law as part of its brown bag luncheon series to discuss the implications of *Gonzales v. Oregon*, -- U.S. --, 126 S. Ct. 904 (2006).

Professor Law is currently a Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law and John A. Burns School of Medicine. She also serves as the Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Law, Medicine, and Psychiatry at the New York University School of Law and is a board member of Compassion & Choices, a national organization promoting death with dignity. Professor Law

has spoken extensively and written amicus briefs and articles on the topic of death with dignity.

In *Gonzales v. Oregon*, the United States Supreme Court concluded that the federal Controlled Substances Act “does not authorize the Attorney General to bar dispensing controlled substances for assisted suicide in the face of a state medical regime permitting such conduct.” In effect, this landmark decision upheld Oregon’s statutory scheme that permits physician-assisted suicide by exempting doctors from civil or criminal liability if they prescribe a lethal dose of drugs upon the request of a terminally ill patient and in compliance with specific safeguards.



Professor Law began the discussion by framing death with dignity as an issue within the larger context of choice and a patient’s right to excellent end-of-life care and personal control. Next, Professor Law provided an overview of Oregon’s experience with its law, pointing out that very few people actually use the law. She noted that half the people who are prescribed medications do not actually use those medications. In light of the Supreme Court’s affirmation of Oregon’s right to enact laws that permit death with dignity, the major implication of *Gonzales* is the promising outlook for legislative initiatives, with some movement in California and Vermont. The challenges, however, for advocates are to translate the Oregon experience to other jurisdictions that do not share the homogeneity or affluence of Oregon and to convince legislators to follow the Oregon initiative. For further information on this issue, please visit the website of Compassion & Choices at [www.compassionandchoices.org](http://www.compassionandchoices.org).



## Congratulations to the New HWL Board Members for 2006-2007

The results of HWL's annual elections are in!

Welcome your new officers and directors for 2006-2007:

President:	Lynne Jenkins McGivern
Vice-President/ President Elect:	Lauren R. Sharkey
Secretary:	Shellie K. Park-Hoapili
Treasurer:	Zale T. Okazaki
Immediate Past President:	Stacey Kawasaki Djou
Directors:	Prairie Bly Dianne Winter Brookins Nalani Fujimori Joanne L. Grimes Wendy Hanakahi Emi L. M. Kaimuloa Lane Hornfeck McKay Tricia Nakamatsu Ruth K. Oh Jennifer Rose Patsy Saiki
WSRSL Student Representatives:	Natalie Friend

Photos from the 2006 HWL Annual Meeting



### Lancome's National Make-Up Artist Event

**Who:** Darais, Lancome's new National Artist, has been a celebrity artist for Cher, Madonna, Gwen Stefani and Pink ... to name a few. He will be traveling to Hawai'i with two artists from California.

**When:** The week of August 7 through August 11, 2006

**Where:** August 7, 2006 (Macy's - Kahala Mall)  
August 8, 2006 (Macy's - Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center)  
August 9, 2006 (Macy's - Pearlridge)  
August 10-11, 2006 (Macy's - Ala Moana)

Please contact your nearest Macy's to reserve an appointment.

# Helping Hands Hawaii



Backpacks donated by Price Busters

Mahalo to all who contributed school supplies and monetary donations to Helping Hands Hawaii and its Ready to Learn Program. Because of your efforts, our Keiki, the future of tomorrow, will have the school supplies they need to be "Ready to Learn."



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*Thank You!!!*

## SAVE THE DATE

### August 3 and 4, 2006

Current and former HSBA Labor Employment Section Board members and Section members have been working with the American Bar Association to put together an EEO Basics program on August 3, 2006, and an NLRA Basics program on August 4, 2006, featuring local and mainland panelists. These programs, which will feature written materials produced by ABA, a box lunch compliments of ABA and refreshments compliments of the HSBA Labor Employment section, are each normally \$125-150/person but are being offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to members of the Hawaii State Bar Association, human resources professionals and any other interested persons as ABA's public service to our community, as hosts of the 2006 ABA Annual Meeting.

**Who:** EEO Basics co-moderators - David Simons and Louise Ing  
NLRA Basics co-moderators - Tony Saguibo, Tom Cestare and Barry Marr and a talented and experienced group of attorney panelists

**When:** August 3, 2006 (EEO Basics) and August 4, 2006 (NLRA Basics)

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (lunch, refreshments and lunch speakers included)

**Where:** William S Richardson School of Law (2515 Dole St.; Honolulu, HI)

**RSVP:** To register for these exciting programs, please contact the ABA at [http://www.abanet.org/labor/basics\\_hi.html](http://www.abanet.org/labor/basics_hi.html) (Information and the registration form can be found at this website). Deadline to register is July 28, 2006.

For additional information and/or questions, please contact David Simons or Louise Ing (ling@ahfi.com) - for EEO Basics, or Tom Cestare, Tony Saguibo or Barry Marr - for NLRA Basics.

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Photos from the Mad Hatter (May 7, 2006) ... HWL congratulates our very own Jennifer Rose, recipient of the Rhoda Lewis Award.

