

## *Upcoming Events*

### **BROWN BAG LUNCH**

#### **Girls Court: Surfing the Tsunami**

Who: The Honorable Karen Radius, Family Court Judge, Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i

Topic: Girls Court: Surfing the Tsunami

When: Friday July 13, 2007  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Carlsmith Ball, ASB Tower, Suite 2200, 1001 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

RSVP: Please RSVP to Lynne Jenkins McGivern at 539-0438 or at [lmcgivern@awlaw.com](mailto:lmcgivern@awlaw.com). Please feel free to include any questions that you might have.

Lunch, including sandwich, potato chips, and cookie will be available for \$7.00. Please mail your check for \$7.00 made payable to "Hawaii Women Lawyers" to Lynne Jenkins McGivern, c/o Ashford and Wriston, 1099 Alakea Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813 by Tuesday July 10, 2007. Please feel free to bring your own lunch if you prefer.

*HWL members and non-members are invited!*

## **Honorable Evelyn Lance Retired and Re-Energized**

Former Family Court Judge, Evelyn Lance, was recently recognized in the April 2007 edition of the ABA Journal for her volunteer efforts since retiring from the bench in 1999. Judge Lance "has been a volunteer for the ABA Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative since 1999," and "is also part of a volunteer appellate mediation board and sits on the state's lawyer disciplinary committee."

In August 1999, Judge Lance traveled to Macedonia as a rule of law specialist for CEELI, spending a year helping authorities there design and implement a sustainable judicial system. She also "planned a curriculum for law schools and judicial training schools, helped plan a legal system that recognized civil rights, and fleshed out procedural systems for civil and criminal cases."

Judge Lance "finds fulfillment in teaching lawyers and judges to think about issues of public policy and to recognize a common goal of providing better service to the public." She "derives pleasure from learning about people of other cultures and how they view the role of law in their societies."

*Excerpts for this article were taken from The ABA Journal, The Lawyer's Magazine, at p. 54 (April 2007).*

### **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 lots of friendship!

When: Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 11:45 a.m.  
Where: Case Lombardi & Pettit, Pacific Guardian Ctr., Mauka Tower, Suite 2600  
Cost: Free to all HWL members, all others \$20.00  
RSVP: If you would like to attend, please contact Lynne McGivern at [lmcgivern@awlaw.com](mailto:lmcgivern@awlaw.com) by June 22nd.

# President's Column

Lynne Jenkins McGivern, HWL President



How long will Hawaii Women Lawyers be a relevant and necessary organization? That is the question I've been contemplating as HWL celebrated its 30th anniversary last year and my presidency comes to a close. Will we need a 40th anniversary? A 50th? A Centennial? Our goal should be for HWL to become obsolete, or in the alternative, nothing more than an excuse to socialize and lunch with the girls.

Consider: Every state has at least one organization that promotes the advancement of women in the legal profession, but none has a comparable organization dedicated to advancing the legal careers of men. Imagine an alternative universe and legal community where female attorneys have achieved so much workplace, law firm, community, and economic parity that male attorneys start to organize and form Men

Lawyer organizations to ensure that they don't start falling behind!

With women making up more than half of current law school classes nationwide, optimism for women seems in order but mere numbers are not tantamount to equal power, influence, and respect. There are still more male law firm partners, managing partners and first tier partners than female. In the business world in general, it is still front page news and a bit of an anomaly when a woman is chosen over men and becomes the CEO of a major corporation.

What can each of us do to make HWL obsolete? First: Network and Support. Refer the work to the competent female attorneys you know. There are competent female practitioners in every area. Change attitudes and stereotypes by showing confidence in the sisterhood.

Second: Kill them with competence. As female attorneys, continue vying for the partnership, the judgeship, and the helm of the ship and show your competence when you're the partner, the judge, and the captain. When I was a two year associate with my firm but an attorney with 12 years of litigation experience, a father came in with his daughter, my divorce client, and on the eve of trial, asked if a male attorney could substitute in and handle the examination of witnesses for a difficult relocation custody case. The father, a well known businessman and part of the old boys' network in town, said, quite bluntly, that although he thought I had done a good job for his daughter so far, a man would have a better chance of winning the case and have more gravitas actually presenting the evidence in court. To his credit, my wonderful supervising attorney, colleague, and (male) friend told the father that I was the best attorney for the case, and in the end, the father and the client stuck with me, albeit reluctantly. I won the trial on difficult facts and the client's entire family, including the father (and the client's ex-husband!), began referring other work to me.

Third: Presume Respect and thus Educate. Conduct yourself in a way that not only proves that you deserve to be where you are, but that you deserve to be promoted and recognized further. We want the young attorneys following in our footsteps, men or women, to assume that maximum success follows hard work, dedication, and competence, no matter one's gender. My husband and I have two young sons, one of whom may be a lawyer in the making. By observing me and my law related activities, I want him to assume and believe and expect that his mom is on an equal footing with her male colleagues. Then when he is in law school, he will naturally expect his own female law school classmates to be as competitive and as successful in the legal arena as the guys. Hopefully if and when he becomes an attorney, HWL will be a footnote in Hawaii's past – an interesting chapter in our legal heritage, but no longer a necessary force.

# 2007-2008 HWL Officers and Board of Director Candidates

*It's time again for the election of your 2007-2008 HWL Officers and Board of Directors. See page 5 for your ballot and make sure you fill it out and return by mail or fax. Your ballot must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2007. Who's running for office? Keep reading!*



**LAUREN R. SHARKEY, President** (succeeds to office without election) -- Lauren is a director with Case, Lombardi & Pettit. She concentrates her practice in real estate, tax and business law 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. She

currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and has been on the Board of Directors for Hawaii Women Lawyers since 2000. She has served as Treasurer for both Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation (2000-2004) and Hawaii Women Lawyers (2000-2006). Prior to becoming an attorney, Lauren was an auditor for Nishihama & Kishida, CPA's. She is also licensed as a certified public accountant in Hawaii and California. Lauren is married and the mother of two boys.



**EMI KAIMULOA, Candidate for Vice-President and President-Elect** -- Emi is a 2002 graduate of WSRSL. She joined the HWL board as a 2L and was part of a group that started HWL's annual balancing work and family lunch in 2000. After graduating, she clerked for Justice Nakayama at the Hawaii Supreme Court, and now works at Watanabe Ing & Komeiji LLP as an associate in the

Government and Regulatory Affairs Section. Emi has a 2-year-old daughter, and also serves on the board of Aloha Harvest.



**SHELLIE K. PARK-HOAPILI, Candidate for Secretary** -- Shellie attended WSRSL and obtained her JD in 2002. After graduating, she clerked for the Honorable Paula A. Nakayama, Associate Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, and now works as an associate attorney at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing. Shellie joined the HWL board in 2004 and

puts together the monthly newsletter.

**ZALE T. OKAZAKI, Candidate for Treasurer**

-- Zale is a partner with Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura and serves as a board member for Read to Me, International, a literary organization, Hawaii Women Legal Foundation (serving as co-chair of the grant committee and co-chair of the HWLF annual fundraiser 2006 and 2007), and Hawaii Women Lawyers.



**LYNNE MCGIVERN, Immediate Past President**

(succeeds to office without election) -- Lynne is a partner in the law firm of Ashford and Wriston, which she joined in 2001. Lynne practices Family Law, handling matters including divorces, paternity actions, custody cases, and restraining order matters. She specializes in cases with Domestic Violence dynamics. She was a

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii from 1990-2000, specializing in the prosecution of Domestic Violence cases, and was the Branch Chief of the Felony Domestic Violence Unit from 1997-2000. She is the immediate past president of DVCLH and is also on the board of Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation. Lynne is married and has two sons.

## Candidates for Directors 2-year term, 7/1/07-6/30/09



**DIANNE BROOKINS, Candidate for Board of Directors**

-- Dianne is a Director and Shareholder 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 litigation, primarily representing health care entities as part of the firm's Health

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Care Practice Group. Dianne is a member of the board of directors of HWLF and has assisted with HWLF's annual fundraiser for several years. She has also been 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, who will be a college freshman in the fall, is the center of her universe. Dianne also sings with the Honolulu Symphony Chorus.



## **STACY DJOU, Candidate for Board of Directors**

-- Stacey is the Chief Legal Counsel for the Public Utilities Commission. Prior to joining the Commission, she was an attorney in the litigation department at Cades Schutte LLP. A graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law, Stacey served

as Editor-in-Chief of the University of Hawaii Law Review and authored "Interspousal Torts: A Procedural Framework for Hawaii," 19 U. Haw. L. Rev. 377 (1997). Stacey also clerked for Judge Susan Oki Mollway and Chief Judge Emeritus Samuel P. King in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.



## **JOANNE GRIMES, Candidate for Board of Directors**

-- Joanne is a partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP, Hawaii's oldest law firm celebrating 150 years, with offices in Honolulu, Kapolei, Maui, Hilo, Kona, Guam, Saipan and Los Angeles. Joanne is a member of her firm's Executive Committee and chair of its Trusts practice group. Her commercial practice focuses on fiduciary and

employer representation and proprietary rights protection. Joanne joined the HWL Board in 2000 after moving back to Hawaii from Guam, where she is still licensed to practice. She also serves as Secretary and Director of the Hawaii Justice Foundation. Joanne and her husband Tom have three children.

## **WENDY HANAKAHI, Candidate for Board of Directors**

-- Wendy is an attorney at Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher and practices in the area of commercial litigation. Wendy has served as a HWL director for two years. She is a 2003 graduate of the WSRSL.

## **JENNIFER ROSE, Candidate for Board of Directors**

-- Jennifer is the Gender Equity Officer for the Office of the Chancellor, University of Hawaii, Manoa. Previously, she was the Director of Program and Policy Development at DVCLH where she developed and organized outreach strategies and improved intervention services to battered immigrants suffering from partner abuse. She has been a national trainer on issues such as Family Law, immigrant rights, and community driven responses to Domestic Violence. Ms. Rose has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law, where she taught a Family Law/Domestic Violence Clinic. 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). Jennifer also served as in-house counsel to the Hawaii State Senate Judiciary Committee, and spent 2 years analyzing and drafting domestic violence legislation. She has spent several years as an advocate in the Violence Against Women movement and has also been a grant reader for the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. She is also a former Legal Aid attorney, specializing in Family Law and FEMA issues. Ms. Rose received her law degree from UCLA.



## **PATSY SAIKI, Candidate for Board of Directors**

-- Patsy is President of Pacific Access Escrow, Inc. and Pacific Access Holdings, LLC. Prior to her current position, she was General Counsel and SVP of First American Title Company, Inc. and a partner at the law firm of Watanabe Ing Kawashima & Komeiji LLP. She is a 1992 graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Patsy currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Institute for Human Services, Inc. and Helping Hands Hawaii, Inc.



## **NATALIE SHARE YOUNOSZAI, Candidate for Board of Directors**

-- Natalie is a judicial law clerk at the Intermediate Court of Appeals. She is currently clerking for Associate Judge Craig H. Nakamura. Originally from Maui, Natalie graduated from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. She spent her second year of law school as a visiting student at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Before attending law school, Natalie received her B.A. from Vassar College and her M.A. in Composition and Rhetoric from UH Manoa.

# Hawai'i Women Lawyers

## Official Ballot for 2007 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 or fax your ballot to:

Hawai'i Women Lawyers  
P.O. Box 2072  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96805  
Facsimile: (808) 533-4945 - ATTN: Lynne McGivern

**All ballots must be received by 5 PM on June 25, 2007 to be counted.**

The terms of the new Board members and Officers will take effect on July 1, 2007. The new Board members and Officers will be "un-officially" installed at the Annual Meeting on June 26, 2007 at 11:45 a.m., at Case Lombardi & Pettit, Pacific Guardian Ctr., Mauka Tower, Suite 2600.

The following persons are running for officer positions:

- Emi L. M. Kaimuloa, Vice-President and President-Elect
- Shellie K. Park-Hoapili, Secretary
- Zale T. Okazaki, Treasurer
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (position)

Lauren R. Sharkey (President) and Lynne McGivern (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, 7/1/07 to 6/30/09. You may vote for up to 3 persons:

- Dianne Brookins
- Stacey Djou
- Joanne Grimes
- Wendy Hanakahi
- Jennifer Rose
- Patsy Saiki
- Natalie Share Younoszai
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

The following persons will continue to serve their 2-year terms (expiring June 30, 2008) as members of the Board of Directors: M. Nalani Fujimori, Lane Hornfeck, Tricia Nakamatsu and Ruth K. Oh.

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As Hawaii prepares for school to begin on July 21 this year, Hawaii Women Lawyers asks you to support Helping Hands Hawaii, and it's Ready to Learn Program, to make sure that all our Keiki have the School Supplies they need to be "Ready to Learn"

Please join us by donating money or any of the following items (new) during the months of April, May, and June, 2007–

24-count Crayons  
Composition Books  
Plastic Erasers  
Glue – 4 oz. size

Scissors – 4 ½#  
Portfolios  
Backpacks  
Calculators

Folder Paper – College or Wide Rule  
# 2 Pencils  
Black/ Blue Ball Point Pens (Med. Pt.)  
Rulers  
Spiral Notebooks – 1 Subject

#### DROP – OFF SITES

**Alii Place – Ashford & Wriston, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
Contact Person: Lynne McGivern

**American Savings Bank Tower – Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
Contact: Shellie Park-Hoapili

**First Hawaiian Center – Watanabe Ing & Komeiji, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
Contact: Emi Kaimulua

**First Hawaiian Center – Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
Contact: Ruth Oh

**Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (Bethel Street)**  
Contact: Nalani Fujimori

**Pacific Guardian Center, Makai Tower – Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
Contact: Lane Hornfeck

**Pacific Guardian Center, Mauka Tower – Case Lombardi & Pettit, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
Contact: Lauren Sharkey

**Pauahi Tower – Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura 25<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
Contact: Zale Okazaki

**\*\* According to Census 2000 data and information from Hawaii's Second Harvest – the Nation's Food Bank Network – 11.6% of Hawaii's 295,615 of Hawaii's Children live below the poverty line in 2003 and cannot afford basic school supplies. In 2006, Helping Hands Hawaii, collected and distributed school supply packets to 8,534 of Hawaii's keiki at 279 different schools throughout the State. These children were identified by social workers at 52 different social service agencies in Hawaii.**

# Mark Your Calendar

## READ TO ME FUNDRAISER

When: August 9, 2007  
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Where: Anne Namba's Showroom  
324 Kamani Street  
Valet Parking  
Tickets: \$75.00  
Gently used designer bags, clothing and shoes  
Guests limited to 40 people total.



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