

Reminder

Annual Dues

Annual dues for Hawaii Women Lawyers are \$40 (\$20 for attorneys in government practice and attorneys working for nonprofit organizations), and \$10 for student members. Your membership is important to us and we hope that you renew it through HSBA when you pay your annual bar dues in December.

Payments can also be made directly to HWL at PO Box 2072, Honolulu, HI 96825. If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to contact Natalie Younozsai at natalieshare@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

Organ Donor Center of Hawaii
- Fundraiser

When: December 1, 2007

Where: Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

Time: 6:00 p.m.



Happy Thanksgiving

HWL 2007 Annual Awards It's Time To Recognize!

One of the best things HWL does every year is recognize the women (and, sometimes, the men) in our community who are doing important work that helps to advance HWL's mission - to improve the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal community, influence the future of the legal profession, and/or enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all people. So often, those who do the most are so busy working that they do not take the time to recognize what they have done, much less expect to be recognized by others for what they are doing. It is a joy to stand in a roomful of HWL members every year and tell our award winners how much we appreciate their hard work.

HWL is soliciting nominations for its 2007 Annual Awards to be presented in March 2008. Nominations must be made in writing and can be sent via U.S. Mail to Hawaii Women Lawyers, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805 or via email to shellie@ahfi.com. Nominations must be received by Friday, December 14, 2007.

Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year

Criteria: Individual attorney having achieved accomplishments of significant merit within the previous year which accomplishments advance the mission of Hawaii Women Lawyers.

Outstanding Judicial Achievement Award

Criteria: Sitting Judge who has made significant contributions to the bench which contributions advance the mission of Hawaii Women Lawyers.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Criteria: Individual in our community who has over her or his lifetime made significant contributions in areas that have advanced the mission of Hawaii Women Lawyers.

Distinguished Service Award

Criteria: Individual in our community who has made significant community contributions within the past year which contributions advance the mission of Hawaii Women Lawyers.

Past HWL Award Winners

Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year

- 2006 Colleen Wong
- 2005 Thalia Murphy
- 2004 Lea Hong
- 2003 Professor Mari Matsuda
- 2002 Congresswoman Patsy Mink
- 2001 General Coral Wong Pietsch
- 2000 Donna Tanoue
- 1999 Susan Ichinose
- 1998 Attorney General Margery Bronster
- 1997 Beadie Kanahale Dawson
- 1996 Yuklin Aluli
- 1995 Stephanie Rezens
- 1994 Pamela Ferguson-Brey
- 1993 Mervina Cash-Kaeo
- 1992 Esther Kwon Arinaga
- 1991 Ellen Godbey Carson
- 1990 Lorraine Akiba
- 1989 Joyce Neely & Leslie Hayashi
- 1988 Joann Yukimura
- 1987 Elizabeth Jubin Fujiwara
- 1986 Susan Oki Mollway
- 1985 Sherry Broder
- 1984 Angie King
- 1983 Shelby Anne Floyd
- 1982 Carol Mon Lee
- 1981 Meredith Lennel

Outstanding Judicial Achievement Award

- 2006 Judge Sabrina S. McKenna
- 2005 Judge Colleen Hirai
- 2004 Judge Susan Oki Mollway
- 2003 Judge Marie Milks
- 2002 Justice Paula Nakayama
- 2001 Judge Frances Wong

Lifetime Achievement Award

- 2006 Shimeji Ryusaki Kanazawa
- 2005 Melody MacKenzie
- 2004 Lois Yasui
- 2003 Alana W. Lau
- 2002 Shelby Anne Floyd
- 2001 Beadie Kanahale Dawson
- 2000 Bernice Littman
- 1999 Ah Quon McElrath
- 1998 Chief Justice William S. Richardson
- 1997 Honorable Evelyn Lance
- 1996 Congresswoman Patsy Mink
- 1995 Honorable Betty Vitousek

- 1994 Naomi Campbell

Distinguished Service Award

- 2006 Dean Carol Mon Lee
- 2005 Laurie Tochiki
- 2004 Nanci Kreidman
- 2003 Lorraine Robinson
- 2002 Denise Antolini
- 2001 Allicyn Hikida Tasaka & Annelie Amaral
- 2000 Ellen Godbey Carson
- 1999 Diane Yukihiko Chang
- 1998 Jacqueline Young
- 1997 Dorothy "Dolly" Ching
- 1996 Judy Weightman
- 1995 Reverend Pamela Vessels & Anne Clarkin
- 1994 Judy Sobin & Windward Spouse Abuse Coalition
- 1993 Honorable Marie Milks
- 1992 Rep. Annelie Amaral & Sara Lyn Smith
- 1991 Chief Justice Herman T.F. Lum
- 1990 Honorable Helen Gillmor
- 1989 Senator Mary George
- 1988 Eleanor Pearce
- 1987 Naomi Campbell
- 1986 Congresswoman Patsy Mink
- 1985 C. Frederick Schutte
- 1984 Honorable Betty Vitousek
- 1982 Harriet Bouslog
- 1981 Rhoda Lewis

President's Award

- 2006 Congresswoman Mazie Hirono
- 2005 Representative Barbara Marumoto
- 2004 Dr. Laura Weldon Hoque
- 2003 Karen Char & June R. Lee
- 2002 Lynn Maunakea
- 2001 Patricia McManaman
- 2000 Rai Saint Chu & Emme Tomimbang
- 1999 M. Casey Jarman
- 1998 Sister Michelle McQueeny
- 1997 Gladys Kamakuokalani Aiona Brandt
- 1996 Honorable Marie Milks
- 1995 Madelyn Perry & Reverend Pamela Boyd
- 1994 Cynthia Thielen
- 1993 Trudy Burns Stone
- 1992 Sharon Burnham Takeuchi
- 1991 Susan Arinaga Li
- 1990 Michelle Tucker
- 1989 Susan Jaworowski

Cox Price Award in International Human Rights Awarded to Sherry P. Broder

Cox Price Award in International Human Rights Awarded by University of Denver
School of Law to Sherry P. Broder, first woman President, Hawaii State Bar Association



On October 13, 2007, Sherry P. Broder was awarded the Cox Price Human Rights Award at the Ved Nanda Center for International Law at the Sturm College of Law, University of Denver. She was honored for her decades of legal work contributing to the dignity and well being of humanity.

"I was honored to receive this award. I hope that my work will inspire others to represent the victims of human rights abuses. Claims can be brought against human rights abusers not only in the US federal courts but also petitions can be filed at the United Nations and several international courts such as the European Court of Human Rights where all 47 member states of the Council of Europe are signatories of the Convention. Applications against Signatory Parties for human rights <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_rights> violations can be brought before the Court either by other States Parties or by individuals, or concerned individuals can sign petitions with Amnesty International or Human Rights Watch. Today the Burmese people need our help." Broder said.

Congratulations!

Lunch on the Big Island



On Sunday November 11, 2007, Shelby Floyd, a partner at Alston Hunt Floyd and Ing, hosted an HWL gathering at her beautiful home in Waimea. Members of HWL who reside on Oahu flew to the Big Island to meet and have lunch with women attorneys who reside and practice in Kona, Waimea, and the surrounding areas. All female attorneys who practice on the Big Island or are members of HSBA were invited. Introductions were made and discussions were had about how HWL might increase outer-island membership and better serve its Big Island members in particular. The Big Island attorneys in attendance confirmed that they are particularly interested in professionally networking through HWL and also gaining additional support and resources to serve underprivileged members of the community, and at risk groups

such as teens. The Big Island participants also pointed out that due to the distances on their island, HWL should foster networks in both Kona and Hilo and solicit members who might be interested in coordinating events and membership in both locales. HWL thanks everyone who attended this event at Shelby's, and also thanks Shelby not only for hosting this event, but for previously hosting periodic gatherings for Big Island women attorneys in the past. If you are a Big Island attorney who would like to consider coordinating HWL events in either the Kona or Hilo districts, and possibly joining the HWL board, please contact Lauren Sharkey, HWL's current president. Lauren can be reached at (808)-547-5400 or by e-mail at lsharkey@caselombardi.com.



HWLF Fundraiser A Success



On October 13, 2007, HWL's sister organization, Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, held its annual gala fundraiser at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. For the second year in a row, HWL directors Lane Hornfeck and Zale Okazaki co-chaired the event.

The event, which was named "Hawai'i's Dreamgirls" and had a Motown theme, honored U.S. Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono, Governor Linda Lingle, and State



Senator Colleen Hanabusa.

HWLF's gala fundraisers are known for their excellent entertainment, and this year did not disappoint. Highlighting the evening was a series of skits in which singers portraying Congresswoman Hirono, Governor Lingle, and Senator Hanabusa performed Motown numbers, backed by the energizing sounds of Touch of Gold. State Senator Sam Slom belted out a tune with "Senator Hanabusa"; Attorney Leighton Oshima roused the crowd with his dance moves on stage with the singer playing his wife, Congresswoman Hirono; and Prosecuting Attorney Peter Carlisle, in a lovely chiffon gown, impersonated Governor Lingle and sang a duet with Attorney General Mark Bennett.

Prior to the performance, HWLF announced Special Grant Awards to Waikiki Health Center, Domestic Violence Clearinghouse, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii.



Guests participated in a silent auction, mingled, drank champagne, and took in all the fine attire worn by those in attendance.

Many HWL members attended the event, dressed to the nines, and some members helped set up the silent auction. Twelve Richardson Law School volunteers assisted



with registration and acted as "runners" for the silent auction, as well. Thanks to all of the HWL members who participated!



Dianne Brookins Hawai'i Idle Lawyers 2007



Congratulations to HWL Board Member **DIANNE BROOKINS** on being named Hawai'i Idle Lawyers 2007, at the Annual HSBA Fundraising Dinner, held Friday, November 16, 2007, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa Ballroom. Dianne beat out eight other contestants and brought the crowd to their feet with her rendition of "Music of the Night".

Congratulations!!!

Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Honolulu: Request for Feedback

A message from a new organization "MAMA Honolulu."

We are starting a new organization to support attorney mothers in Honolulu! The organization is called MAMA Honolulu (short for Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Honolulu) and we need your feedback!

We envision MAMA Honolulu providing support for attorney mothers - whether they work in the private or public sector, are currently staying home with children, working toward their law degrees, expecting their first children, or preparing to send their children off to college - by providing them with a forum to network, socialize, discuss topics of interest, problem solve, and share knowledge and experiences.

We hope to provide these opportunities for attorney mothers through a variety of resources. Our ideas include: brown bag lunches on topics of interest; Saturday events that will provide activities for children while providing a forum for attorney moms to network; and an online discussion board where attorney moms can join discussions, ask questions, and share perspectives. The idea for this organization comes from a similar organization in Seattle, www.mamaseattle.org.

To make this organization something that will really benefit and support attorney moms in Honolulu, we need your ideas and feedback. What can this group do to support you? What topics would you like to see discussed at brown bag luncheons? Are you interested in attending a future event? Are you willing to help organize and launch this organization? Are you able to provide a meeting place?

Please email Ghita Harris-Newton at ghitahn@yahoo.com to let us know your ideas and thoughts. Please let us know if you want to be notified about future events - we anticipate that the first official event will be held in early 2008. And please let us know if you would be willing to help us organize and launch this organization over the next few months, beginning with our next planning meeting on October 23rd.

We look forward to hearing from you!! Please tell your friends and pass along this email to every attorney mom you know.

Sincerely,
MAMA Honolulu and Ghita Harris-Newton (mom to 2 year old twins and career law clerk to Judge Alan C. Kay in the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii) (ghitahn@yahoo.com or (808)258-0268 (cell))

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