

*Upcoming Events*

**Brown Bag Lunch**

**Stress Reduction for  
Legal Professionals**

Topic: Stress reduction for legal  
professionals

Speakers: Dean Laurie Tochiki,  
William S. Richardson  
School of Law, and  
Steve Dixon, Attorneys and  
Judges Assistance Program

When: Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Case Lombardi & Pettit,  
Pacific Guardian Center,  
Mauka Tower, 737 Bishop  
Street, Ste. 2600, Honolulu,  
HI 96813

RSVP: Guests may bring their own  
lunch, or a salad and half-sandwich  
lunch may be reserved for \$8 by  
emailing michelle@waltonwalker.net  
before February 20, 2008. Sandwich  
orders are pre-paid; please send your  
check payable to "Hawaii Women  
Lawyers" to Zale Okazaki, Ayabe  
Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura,  
1003 Bishop Street, 25th Floor,  
Honolulu, HI 96813 by February 20,  
2008.

Questions may be directed to Michelle  
Walker at michelle@waltonwalker.net  
or 808-927-9053.

**HWL's Annual Awards  
Reception: March 14, 2008**

You are invited to attend Hawaii Women Lawyers' 2007 Annual Awards  
Reception and join us in honoring the outstanding work and commit-  
ment of five distinguished women:

*Colleen Hanabusa*

**Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Award**

*Judge Karen Radius*

**Outstanding Judicial Achievement Award**

*Judge Marcia Waldorf*

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Chris Chun*

**Distinguished Service Award**

*Louise K. Y. Ing*

**President's Award**

(see page three for biographies of the awardees)

Friday, March 14, 2008

The Plaza Club, Main Dining Room

900 Fort Street Mall

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$40 per person

RSVP and payment requested by March 7, 2008. Mail your check for  
\$40 per person to "Hawaii Women Lawyers," c/o Lauren Sharkey; Case  
Lombardi & Pettit; Pacific Guardian Ctr., Mauka Tower, 737 Bishop St.,  
Ste. 2600; Honolulu, HI 96813. Please indicate the names of your guests  
with your reservation. Tables of 6 or 8 may be available.

Heavy pupus will be served, beverages will be available by script.  
Discounted parking will be available in the Pioneer Plaza building after  
5:00 p.m. For questions, please call Karen Goya at (808) 547-5576 or  
email her at kgoya@caselombardi.com. Come and help us honor our  
extraordinary award winners! We look forward to seeing you on March  
14.

## Congratulations to Margaret Masunaga Recipient of the 2007 Rhoda Lewis Award



Margaret Masunaga and Joy Miyasaki



Future HWL Board Members



HWL/HWLF members enjoying an evening of fun, food and friendship

### The Hawaii Foodbank Says "Thank You"

The Hawaii Foodbank thanks HWL for its generous gift of 500 pounds of food, which helps the Hawaii Foodbank in its mission of providing food so that no one in our island goes hungry.

The Hawaii Foodbank network of member agencies serves over 131,000 individuals each year. Only through the generosity and benevolence of those such as HWL and its members is the Hawaii Foodbank able to make food available to members of the statewide ohana who need it most.

The Hawaii Foodbank is extremely grateful for HWL's commitment and support.

*Thank you for your support!!!*

## 2007 HWL Annual Award Recipients

### Colleen Hanabusa - Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Award



Colleen Hanabusa – An Illustrious Lawyer, Legislator, Leader, and Person  
In November 2006, Senator Colleen Hanabusa was elected to be the President of the Hawaii State Senate – the first woman to lead either house in the Hawaii legislature.

As members of the legal community, we should recognize that the success that Senator Hanabusa has had in her professional life as a lawyer and legislator has truly benefited all of

us attorneys, male or female, and members of our Hawaii community. For nearly thirty years, Senator Hanabusa has dedicated her many skills to public service as a labor attorney, community organizer, and a leader in the Hawaii State Senate.

Senator Hanabusa was born and raised in Waianae, Oahu. She attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she received her B.A. in Economics and Sociology, and an M.A. in Sociology. Senator Hanabusa received her J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 1977.

As a lawyer, Senator Hanabusa has advocated for worker's rights in a manner that has gained her much respect in the legal community. Barry Marr, a partner in the law firm of Marr, Hipp, Jones & Wang and a respected Hawaii labor and employment lawyer, has practiced with Senator Hanabusa in the area for many years, primarily representing parties who were against each other. Mr. Marr describes Senator Hanabusa as "among the best lawyers that [he] has worked with," as she is "bright, creative, and aggressive" in representing her clients. Personally, she is effective because she is unfailingly gracious and acts with integrity.

Equally important, Senator Hanabusa has provided guidance and support to less experienced attorneys and serves as a role model for how one should practice. Lane Hornfeck, now a partner in the law firm of Starn, O'Toole, Marcus & Fisher and a former Hawaii Woman Lawyer's President, recalls how Colleen instilled confidence and provided guidance to her. When Ms. Hornfeck was in her first year of practice, she had a case with Colleen where they both represented defendants in a lawsuit. Ms. Hornfeck will never forget how she felt supported as a young lawyer entering the Hawaii legal community, and is thankful for how Colleen "showed her the ropes" throughout the case when they had not met before. For a young attorney working alongside an experienced one, the mentorship was invaluable.

It is no surprise that professional organizations have also recognized Senator Hanabusa's contributions as a lawyer. She has been recognized in the "Best Lawyers in America" since 1995, was noted in Honolulu Magazine as one of "Hawaii's A+ Lawyers" in 1993, and is a Lifetime

Member in the National Registry of Who's Who. This year, Hawaii Women Lawyers recognizes Senator Hanabusa as the Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year.

Before being elected Senate President in 2006, Senator Hanabusa served in various leadership positions in the State Senate since being elected in 1998. She has served as Chair of the Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee, Vice-Chair of the Senate Ways & Means Committee, and Vice-President and Majority Leader of the Senate.

Her skills as an advocate and character as an individual have allowed her to use those positions effectively. As a lawmaker, Senator Hanabusa has worked hard to ensure that all people in Hawaii have the opportunity to get an education, succeed and live a life of dignity. In 2001, Senator Hanabusa was one of the lawmakers that introduced and advocated for SB 493, now commonly known as the "3R's (Repair, Remodel, and Restore) Bill" to provide for necessary repair and restoration of Hawaii's public schools. That year, she supported and shepherded SB 1044, a law that established the Hawaii employer union benefit trust fund to provide employee beneficiaries and dependent beneficiaries with a health and benefits plan, and provide health benefits for part time and temporary employees. In 2006, she advocated for SB 467 to provide gender equity for women in prisons.

Sylvia Luke, former Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives and Judiciary Chair and attorney at the law firm of Cronin, Fried, Sekiya, Kekina, & Fairbanks, has worked with Senator Hanabusa on legislation. Representative Luke explained that "because the Legislature has a short time to work on legislation, what you say and the reliability of your word becomes very important," and that Senator Hanabusa is effective not only because she is smart, but because when she says she will do something, she will do it. Her word is always honored as she possesses tremendous integrity. Senator Hanabusa stands out as a role model for all children in Hawaii, not just girls.

Senator Hanabusa was named the Outstanding Lawmaker of the Year by Small Business Hawaii in 1999, the Outstanding Freshman Legislator by the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly in 1999, the Outstanding Legislator by the Hawaii Medical Association in 2003, and the Humane State Legislator Award by the Humane Society of the United States in 2006. She received the Mea Hanohano Kako'o Award from the University of Hawaii in 2000, and was named a Toll Fellow by the Council of State Governments in 2000, AJA of the Year by the Hawaii Herald and one of the "10 Who Made a Difference" in 2000 by the Honolulu Star Bulletin.

Hawaii Women Lawyers' recognition of Senator Hanabusa as the Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year is a testament to her lifelong advocacy, and achievements that have contributed to the betterment of Hawaii. Thank you, Senator Hanabusa for your dedication to our community.

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### Judge Karen Radius - Outstanding Judicial Achievement Award



Judge Radius is one of the lightning rods for a program called Girls Court. For those unfamiliar with this, Girls Court was established in 2004 with Judge Radius' able assistance. This program addresses "the needs of at-risk and delinquent girls by providing more gender specific programs and services." In 2005, the Hawaii Office of Youth Services awarded Girls Court funds to hire dedicated staff to develop and enhance the program. Every five weeks, the judge presides over court sessions with the girls, their families, attorneys, and probation officers. The court sessions serve to provide positive reinforcement of the girls' strength and accomplishments as well as creating a graduating system of accountability for the girls. The open court forum allows the girls to learn from others situations and to share their experiences, challenges and successes.

After a year in Girls Court, there is a ceremony to congratulate the girls on their tenacity in remaining and meaningfully participating in the program. It is clear to the audience that the girls value their participation, each other, themselves and most especially, Judge Radius, for the experience.

### Judge Marcia Waldorf - Lifetime Achievement Award



After graduating cum laude from UC Davis in 1971 with a double major in Spanish and Anthropology, Marcia Waldorf planned to attend graduate school in either discipline and ultimately work as an interpreter at the United Nations. However, she soon realized that interpreting would be computerized and work in those fields would be limited. While rethinking her career plans, a friend suggested law school,

observing, "You always have something to say. You're so argumentative!" Based on that suggestion, Marcia entered the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1972, and graduated in 1975. The United Nation's loss was Hawaii's and the legal profession's gain.

Three days after graduation, she moved to Hawaii with her husband David Robinson, Esq. whose family lived here. She began working at the Office of the Public Defender in 1975. In 1977 Marcia opened her own practice but returned to the Public Defender's in 1980 to become the Family Court Supervisor. She was appointed to a District Court Judgeship by Chief Justice Herman Lum in 1985,

serving as Administrative Judge from 1995-2000, and was specially assigned to Family Court and the Domestic Violence Calendar from 2001-2002. She was appointed to the First Circuit Court in 2002 where she served until her retirement from the bench in 2006 after completing 22 years of judicial service.

While serving on the bench, Judge Waldorf developed particular interests and passions in three areas: 1) Mental Health; 2) Domestic Violence and 3) Judicial Education, especially in the areas of Sentencing, Mental Health issues, Ethics, Domestic Violence and DUI.

After years watching the mentally ill come into the legal system, get stuck in the system, or revolve repeatedly through Hawaii courts, she began to study ways in which the judiciary could better serve the mentally ill and the community in which persons with mental illness live. Unfortunately, jails had become the new "treatment facilities" by default, for which they are ill-equipped and were never designed. In 1999 while attending a Domestic Violence conference in Seattle, she learned of and went to observe, a misdemeanor Mental Health Court, and was simultaneously impressed and overwhelmed with the need to have something similar in Hawaii, but "new and improved." Judge Waldorf solicited and received Byrne Grant funding commencing in 2003, and spearheaded the design and implementation of a Mental Health Court for felony offenders in the First Circuit Court. The first client was accepted in 2005 and the first graduation took place on February 19, 2007 in the Supreme Court. It is Judge Waldorf's sincere hope that this pilot project will be legislatively funded and expanded. In 2002, Judge Waldorf was selected to receive the Franklin N. Flaschner Award, which is an award given to one judge in the country each year for his or her services to special courts by the ABA's Judicial Division.

Judge Waldorf also developed specialized knowledge on the bench concerning the dynamics of Domestic Violence and the frequency of partner abuse in our communities. Commencing in 1999, she participated in the Domestic Violence Working Group, has done training for specialized community agencies in this area, and was recognized by the Domestic Violence Action Center ("DVAC"), formally known as the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, with its Judicial Achievement Award. Currently, she serves as a consultant to DVAC. Judge Waldorf also has worked to highlight safety issues in respect to DUI offenders and received a Community Service Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 1999.

In "retirement" Judge Waldorf continues to serve the community by providing training to several groups and agencies including the Office of the Public Defender, the University of Hawaii School of Social Work Masters Program, and forensic examiners in training. She also serves as a Criminal Justice specialist for the Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant and continues as the Judiciary representative to Senate Concurrent Resolution Task

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Force on forensic issues in Mental Health. She continues as an advisor to the Mental Health Court and has recently accepted a position on the National Alliance on Mental Illness Advisory Council.

She has been happily married to David, who is a partner with Robinson and Chur, for 34 years, and describes him without equivocation as "a saint." In their spare time, the two enjoy traveling and spending time at their part time home in Taos, New Mexico.

### Chris Chun - Distinguished Service Award



Chris Chun has divided her work career over the years quite evenly between the non-profit and corporate worlds. Having attended private Catholic schools for most of her early education, the concept of community service and giving back to those in need was pretty well indoctrinated and embraced by her as an important character value. Making a difference in other people's lives has always been important to Chris and a key element in making her career choices.

Chris was born in California and moved to Maui in 1965. The decision to move to Hawaii and Maui specifically was the result of a month long Girl Scout excursion spent on each island in Hawaii by her mom and sister. Her family fell in love with the islands and has lived here ever since. Chris attended St. Anthony High School in Wailuku working summers in the pineapple cannery at Maui Land and Pine. She attended the University of Hawaii and pursued Liberal Arts studies.

Real life intervened and she married a local boy and proceeded to raise a young family of three sons, Todd, Matthew and Nicholas. During the precious time when she was gifted the opportunity, and "luxury" nowadays, of being able to be a stay at home mom she found time in her schedule to be trained as a hospice volunteer with St. Francis Hospice program. Armed with this important training, she was hired by the Ronald McDonald House and was soon promoted to become the Executive Director for Hawaii's first Ronald McDonald House which provides a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children. Chris was employed by the Ronald McDonald House from 1984 through 1989 and loved every minute of her time there and continued her commitment to the Ronald McDonald House mission by serving on their Board of Directors for another ten years.

On becoming a single parent of three young sons, Chris knew she would need to switch gears and join the corporate world as the compensation levels in non-profit arena rarely keep pace with those in the corporate environment. In 1989, she joined the locally owned and privately held

kama'aina company of Title Guaranty of Hawaii and was soon promoted to Vice President of Human Resources. She spent thirteen years with Title Guaranty serving in a leadership role on the Executive team incorporating many new strategies and directions for the company which additionally allowed her the financial ability of providing private education for her sons.

Once her youngest son graduated, Chris again felt the familiar tug of the non-profit world on her heartstrings – the giving back and making a difference theme never too far below the surface. In 2001, as she began to explore opportunities in this direction, Chris was offered a consultant position by BCR/Right Management Consultants assisting the out-placed Liberty House employees find new jobs. A "Career Center" office poised to provide over 300 out-placed employees with professional resumes, vocational testing, and interview skills was staffed and scheduled to open on the ominous date of Sept 11, 2001. Although a bit delayed due to national events that had far-reaching consequences for the job market in Hawaii, within a year's time, all those who seriously wanted new jobs found them and Chris knew that she and her team had definitely "made a difference" in positively impacting the lives of those individuals.

In June 2002, Chris was brought on board as the Executive Director of the non-profit charitable organization called Aloha Harvest – a position which she currently holds. Aloha Harvest gathers quality donated food from hotels, restaurants, catered events and food distributors and delivers it to 110 social service agencies feeding the needy throughout Oahu. Since its inception in 1999, Aloha Harvest has picked up and distributed more than 3,300,000 pounds of food with a very small staff of only 3 full-time and 2 part-time people. Donated food is picked up and distributed 7 days a week using only ONE refrigerated truck touching every geographical location on Oahu making a difference in the lives of countless hungry men, women and children in our island community.

Chris volunteers her time serving as a Program Board member for Catholic Charities Hawaii, is a Board member of NACE (National Association of Catering Executives), is current President for IFSEA (International Food Service Executives Association) a member of AFP (Association of Fundraising Professionals) and was selected as a Weinberg Fellow in 2005.

Chris hopes that the biggest and most lasting difference she has made has been in the lives of her three sons and two grandsons, ages 5 and 1 – this is where she says she finds her greatest joy.

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### Louise K. Y. Ing - President's Award



Louise K. Y. Ing is a founding shareholder, director and officer of the Honolulu law firm of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, formed in June, 1991. Previously, Ms. Ing was an attorney for ten years (and a shareholder for five years) with Paul, Johnson, Alston & Hunt. She practices in the areas of commercial, real estate, and employment litigation and dispute resolution. She is admitted to practice in both Hawai'i (1979) and California (1978). She has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation (2008 ed.); and Chambers USA, Leading Lawyers in Commercial Litigation in Hawai'i (2007).

Ms. Ing was born in Honolulu, Hawai'i. She is a 1978 graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley. She is a 1974 magna cum laude graduate of Yale University, where she majored in American Studies.

After graduation from law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Samuel P. King, then Chief Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. From 1980-81, she was an associate at the Honolulu law firm of Carlsmith & Dwyer.

Ms. Ing sits on the Boards of American Savings Bank, Island Holdings, HMSA, University of Hawaii Foundation, Sutter Health Pacific, dba Kahi Mohala Hospital (Board Chair, 2002, 2004), Hawaii State Bar Association, and Plaza Club. She is a past Board member of Aloha Airlines, Labor & Employment Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association (Vice Chair, 2006), Child & Family Service (Board Chair), Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation (president), ASSETS, Aloha United Way and Hawaii Community Foundation. She served as a member of the Nominating Committees for the Hawai'i Supreme Court and Hawaii State Bar Association in 2005.

She was one of YWCA of O'ahu's 2004 LeaderLuncheon Honorees and has also received outstanding community service awards from Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (2001) and Hawaii State Bar Association (1993).

She is a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, American Bar Foundation, Hawaii State Bar Association (former member of the Board of Directors of the Young Lawyers Division), the State Bar of California, the American Bar Association (Litigation and Torts/Insurance Practice Sections), American Bankruptcy Institute, Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, and Hawaii Women Lawyers.

She is married to Michael Sitch, an electrical contractor, and has two children, 11 and 24 years old.



### *Chop Suey Generis*

Congratulations to HWL Board Member, **Natalie Wilson**, and her husband, Chad, on the birth of their son, James Walter Wilson. Baby James was born on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 10:38 a.m., weighing 7 lbs, 0 oz! He is a healthy and beautiful baby.

## HWL/HWLF's Seventh Annual Mother's Day Project



HWL and HWLF are proud to sponsor the 7th Annual Mothers' Day Project. Once again, we are helping hundreds of deserving children say Happy Mother's Day with a pretty gift for their special mother.

Please donate **new condition, gift-quality cosmetics, toiletries, perfumes, cosmetic bags, and luxury hotel amenities** to make Mothers' Day goodie bags.

*In return you will:*

- *Help a child thank a foster family-- who offers emergency shelter 24 hours a day, 7 days a week-- for taking him/her into a safe home.*
- *Help foster parents-- who may not have the time and financial resource -- by giving their foster child a gift to give to his/her birth mother on Mothers' Day.*
- *Help many of hundreds of homeless children and children in homeless shelters and DV shelters feel proud to give a gift on Mothers' Day.*
- *Help some of the 4,385 children in foster homes feel proud to give a gift to his/her foster mother.*

Please drop off your donations by **Friday, March 14** at any of the following locations:

Alii Place, Ashford & Wriston, 14th Floor; Contact Person: Lynne McGivern

Aliiolani Hale, 417 S. King Street, Rm. 207; Contact Person: Elizabeth Kent

American Savings Bank Tower, Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, 20th Floor; Contact Person: Shellie Park-Hoapili

American Savings Bank Tower, Carlsmith Ball, 1001 Bishop Street, 22nd Floor, Contact Person: Joanne Grimes

Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright Building, Cades Schutte, 12th Floor; Contact Person: Rhonda Griswold

Davies Pacific Center, John Child & Co., 23rd Floor; Contact Person: Karen Char

First Hawaiian Center, Watanabe Ing & Komeiji, 23rd Floor; Contact Person: Emi Kaimuloa

Hawaii Opera Theatre, 987 Waimanu Street; Contact Person: Tracy Jefferson

Pacific Guardian Center, Makai Tower, Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher, Ste. 1900; Contact Person: Lane Hornfeck

Pauahi Tower, Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura, 25th Floor;  
Contact Person: Zale Okazaki

Restaurant Row, McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, 4th Fl.; Contact  
Person: Lorraine Akiba

William S. Richardson School of Law, Admissions Office; Contact Person:  
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