

# HAWAII Women LAWYERS

May 2008



## HWL/HWLF's Mother's Day Project A Huge Success

What an incredible year for the HWL/HWLF's Mother's Day Project! Through the generosity and help of HWL/HWLF's members and friends, HWL/HWLF's Mother's Day Project received record breaking donations this year. For example, Macy's San Francisco sent 2,016 sets of Marc Jacobs mini lotion and perfume. The donation was delivered on a 4x4 palate that weighed 711 pounds. The Body Shop at Kahala Mall put out a collection box and collected donations. And, cash donations came in from as far away as California. With these donations, HWL/HWLF donated more than 2,200 gift bags of new toiletries and cosmetics this year to the following:



(UH medical school classmates at the Next Step Shelter, a homeless shelter in Kakaako)

- \* Foster children (1,111 gift bags)
- \* Quick Liliuokalani Children's Center (426 gift bags)
- \* Kakaako and Waianae homeless shelters - UH medical students (200 gift bags)
- \* Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Hotline (180 gift bags)
- \* Guardian Ad Litum (150 gift bags)
- \* Foster grandparents (150 gift bags)
- \* IHS (71 gift bags)
- \* Waianae Homeless Outreach (50 gift bags)



Mahalo to the many, many HWL/HWLF 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.

### 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 and door prizes will be provided.  
Come for fun and lots of friendship!

When: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 11:45 a.m.  
Where: Watanabe Ing & Komeiji, First Hawaiian Center, 23rd Floor  
Cost: Free to all HWL members, all others \$20.00  
RSVP: If you would like to attend, please contact Emi Kaimuoa at [ekaimuoa@wik.com](mailto:ekaimuoa@wik.com) by June 10th.



# President's Column

Lauren R. Sharkey, HWL President



On March 14, 2008, HWL held its Annual Awards Ceremony with about 150 people attending to honor our five awardees. It was a wonderful evening filled with lively discussion, laughter, and great food. It is one of the highlights of our organization to be able to recognize those women who have truly shined in their accomplishments and their commitment to the community. This year we honored Senator Colleen Hanabusa with the Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Award, Honorable Karen Radius with the Outstanding Judicial Achievement Award, Honorable Marcia Waldorf with the Lifetime Achievement Award, Chris Chun with the Distinguished Service Award, and Louise K.Y. Ing with the President's Award. Thank you to all who came to celebrate the accomplishments of these women and to all of the HWL Board Members and HWL's William S. Richardson School of Law student representatives and volunteers for the tremendous work and support to create such a worthwhile event. We hope to see you next year!

## *Photos from the Annual Awards Ceremony*



# 2008-2009 HWL Officers and Board of Director Candidates

*It's time again for the election of your 2008-2009 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 13, 2008. Who's running for office? Keep reading!*



**EMI L. M. KAIMULOA, President** (succeeds to office without election) -- 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.



**JOANNE GRIMES, Candidate for Vice-President and President-Elect** -- Joanne has been a Hawaii Women Lawyers Director since July 2000. She is a partner and on the Executive Committee at Carlsmith Ball LLP, with offices in Honolulu, Kapolei, Maui, Hilo, Kona, Guam, Saipan and Los Angeles. Joanne is licensed to practice law in Guam and in Hawaii.

She serves as a Director and Secretary of the Hawaii Justice Foundation. Joanne and her husband Tom have three children still on the payroll -- two in college and one at medical school.



**SHELLIE K. PARK-HOAPILI, Candidate for Secretary** -- Shellie received her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she was a member of the Law Review and Asian Pacific Law & Policy Journal. She was also a research assistant for Professor Eric K. Yamamoto and an Edward Nakamura Memorial Research Fellow. 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.



**ZALET. OKAZAKI, Candidate for Treasurer** -- Zale is a partner with the law firm Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura which she joined in 1999. She serves on the board of the Hawaii Women Lawyers, Hawaii Legal Foundation, Read to Me, Int'l, and Organ Donor Center of Hawaii.



**LAUREN R. SHARKEY, Immediate Past 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.

## Candidates for Directors (2-year term, 7/1/08-6/30/10)



**M. NALANI FUJIMORI, Candidate for Board of Directors** -- Nalani is the Deputy Director of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. Previously, she was the Managing Attorney for Legal Aid's Maui County Offices and was a staff attorney in its Moloka'i office. Nalani received her law degree from New York University School of Law. She is a

graduate of the Kamehameha Schools. Her practice includes child welfare, family, public benefits, consumer, housing

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and elder law. She has been the Chair of the Legislative Committee for HWL for the last four years. In September she headed efforts to engage members in a community outreach on Advance Health Care Directives for Women's Health Month. She hopes to be seated for another term so that she may continue her service to HWL.



**LANE HORNFECK, Candidate for Board of Directors** -- A director with Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher, Lane concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial litigation and real estate-related transactions. Immediately prior to joining Starn, Lane was with the law firm of Goodstill Anderson Quinn & Stifel and clerked for retired Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Mario Ramil.

One of our past presidents, Lane currently serves as the co-chair of the Grant Committee for the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation.



**TRICIA NAKAMATSU, Candidate for Board of Directors** -- Tricia is a Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City & County of Honolulu. Her practice includes all areas of employment law, advising the City's public safety departments, and serving as prosecutor for the Honolulu Liquor Commission. Tricia received her law degree from

the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she was a student representative for HWL, staff editor for the Asian Pacific Law and Policy Journal, and research assistant for Professor David L. Callies. Over the past four years, Tricia has served as co-chair of the Projects Committee. She is also spearheading the development of HWL's first website, which is scheduled to open in the coming fiscal year.



**RUTH K. OH, Candidate for Board of Directors** -- Ruth is a partner at Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda. She is listed nationally in "The Best Lawyers in America" in immigration and naturalization law. Her practice focuses on helping employers, employees, families and individuals achieve their immigration goals in the U.S. through application filings

and developing sound legal strategies. She is committed

to serving an essential, effective role in the legislative process for safeguarding the nation's shaping of immigration laws and policy for fairness, efficiency and rational implementation. Since 2003, Ruth has served as an elected Director on the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), a national association of 11,000+ attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law.



**LYNNE MCGIVERN, Candidate for Board of Directors** -- 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.



**NATALIE WILSON, Candidate for Board of Directors** -- Natalie is a judicial law clerk to Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr., Hawaii Supreme Court. She earned her J.D. and Environmental Law Certificate from WSRSL, where she was a member of

the Law Review, Phi Delta Phi, Environmental Law Society, and Etc. Before attending law school, Natalie earned her B.A. in History from St. Mary's College of Maryland. Natalie and her husband are the extremely proud parents of a baby boy.

**SARAH BAZZI, Candidate for Board of Directors**

-- Sarah is a 2006 graduate of WSRSL. She first joined the HWL board as a 2L. After graduating, she clerked for the Miami Immigration Court as part of the United States Department of Justice Attorney General Honors Program. She currently clerks for Justice Duffy at the Hawaii Supreme Court and works at WSRSL as an adjunct writing professor.

# Hawai'i Women Lawyers Official Ballot for 2008 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 left 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) 523-1888 - ATTN: Lauren Sharkey

**All ballots must be received by 5 PM on June 13, 2008 to be counted.**

The terms of the new Board members and Officers will take effect on July 1, 2008. The new Board members and Officers will be "un-officially" installed at the Annual Meeting on June 17, 2008 at 11:45 a.m., at Watanabe Ing & Komeiji, First Hawaiian Center, 23rd Floor.

The following persons are running for officer positions:

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

Emi L. M. Kaimulua (President) and Lauren R. Sharkey (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, 7/1/08 to 6/30/10. You may vote for up to 3 persons:

- M. Nalani Fujimori
- Lane Hornfeck
- Tricia Nakamatsu
- Ruth Oh
- Lynne McGivern
- Natalie Wilson
- Sarah Bazzi
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

The following persons will continue to serve their 2-year terms (expiring June 30, 2009) as members of the Board of Directors: Dianne Brookins, Wendy Hanakahi, Jennifer Rose, Patsy Saiki, Stacey Djou and Natalie Younoszai.

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# Mentoring Mixer

On April 16, HWL held its second Mentoring Mixer pau hana at Che Pasta. Law students and young lawyers had the opportunity to meet and talk story with established attorneys with experience in private practice, non-profit firms, business, and government in an informal setting. Overheard were lively conversations about everything from balancing work and family to becoming a rainmaker to choosing an area of specialty. The connections forged will provide the younger attorneys with additional resources to establish successful and fulfilling careers in the law, empowering the next generation of outstanding women lawyers. For that, we extend our warmest gratitude to all who attended. Special thanks to Che Pasta and owner Mark Cohen for providing a welcoming atmosphere and delicious pupus. Mentoring Mixers are held the third Wednesday of every even month at Che Pasta from 5-7 pm. Please join us on June 18!

## HWL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES



Left to Right: Priscila Benitez, Michelle Walker, Jamila Jarmon, Donna Davis-Hackley, and Jacquelyn Tryon

The 2007-2008 Student Representatives for the William S. Richardson School of Law are proud to introduce the incoming Representatives for the 2008-2009 academic year. Jacquelyn Tryon, 3L, and Jamila Jarmon, 2L, will replace Michelle Walker, Priscila Benitez, and Donna Davis-Hackley.

**Jacquie Tryon** has had a strong commitment to furthering the integration of women into the legal community ever since her high-school years. The blatant derogation of women attorneys that she observed while working at her father's firm inspired her to press on with her own legal career and to prove them wrong. She has a strong commitment to her community; Jacquie currently volunteers as a Guardian ad Litem and fundraises for the Hawai'i Foster Parent Association even though she has a full class schedule. She has worked abroad at the Tongan National Youth Congress where she helped organize youth programs for young women.

**Jamila Jarmon** expressed a strong interest in HWL ever since the first call for volunteers during her 1L year, when she immediately signed-up to help at this year's HWLF Fundraising Gala. She also brought several of her classmates to the HWL Stress-Reduction Brown Bag in February, garnering support in spite of the fact they all had stress-inducing Legal Practice deadlines at the time. She believes strongly in fostering relationships between women, because, in her words, "[W]orking together helps to smash stereotypes of women who only know how to compete with each other." Jamila was inspired to become an active member of HWL by one of the HWLF Board Members she spoke to at the Gala. The Director told her that although we all work hard as individuals to get to a certain place in our lives where we are stable, once we've reached that goal, it is our duty to give back to our community.

Jamila and Jacquie have already gone a step beyond that aspiration, and have begun contributing to their community even while they're still on the path to their career goals. The outgoing Student Representatives are proud to welcome them to the Board, and look forward to introducing them at the May board meeting.

**A Big Mahalo and Warm Wishes to Priscila Benitez and Michelle Walker, HWL's WSRSL Law Student representatives for their contributions this year. Priscila and Michelle will be relocating from Hawaii. They will be greatly missed!!!**



# Mahalo

*for helping with the*

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual HWL/HWLF Mothers' Day Project

Donations of Toiletries and Cosmetic  
Bags



Donations of Cosmetics



Donation of 2,016 sets of Marc Jacobs  
mini lotion and perfume





As Hawaii prepares for school to begin on July 28 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 May, June, and July 2008 –

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

Scissors – 4 1/2#  
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

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

**Five Waterfront Plaza – McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
Contact: Lorraine Akiba

**Alliolani Hale – 417 S. King Street, Rm. 207**  
Contact: Elizabeth Kent

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

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

**UH – Manoa Women Center, QLC Rm. 211**  
Contact: Christine Quemuel

**William S. Richardson School of Law, Admissions Office**  
Contact: Laurie Tochiki

\* 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 2007, Ready to Learn & Helping Hands Hawai'i, collected and distributed school supply packets to over 12,000 of Hawaii's keiki at Statewide. These children were identified by social workers at over 60 different social service agencies throughout Hawaii.

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## *Mark Your Calendar*

### **Lady Lawyers Lunch Bunch**

Please join Ellen Godbey Carson and other Lady Lawyers for food, friends and sistership! During lunch, the ladies will share any news, announcements and networking needs.

When: Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Where: Plaza Club, 900 Fort Street Mall, 20th Floor, Pioneer Plaza

RSVP: Please call Sherri Miral or Jordan Pritchard by Friday, May 23, at 524-1800 to confirm your attendance.

### **HSBA Party!**

This year, the HSBA annual fundraiser will be more of a "party" on July 19, 2008 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. It will be held on the lawn of the Hawaii State Art Museum (HSAM), and delectable delights to tempt any palate will be provided by Ed Kenney of the Town and Downtown Restaurants. Music will be provided by the Honolulu Jazz Quartet (John Kolivas, Tim Takiyama, Dan Del Negro, and Adam Baron). For an added bonus, the HSBA is holding a state wide video contest - Aloha State Stories: Promise for Justice for All". The winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,500.00. A select number of video entrants will be screened at the Party. Each video must be 30 seconds to 2 minutes, and received by HSBA by July 9, 2008. For more information, contact Hisae Chang at the HSBA.

It's not too late to reserve a table of 10. Table levels are \$4,000, \$2,500, \$1,250, and individual tickets of \$125.00. There will also be a silent auction with great jewels, and a Mini Cooper (lease or purchase).