



## *Come Join the Fun . . . Be a Member of HWL*

**"HWL fosters a vibrant community of support, networking, and friendships in support of a great goal: equality for women and a better world for tomorrow"**

**- Ellen Godbey Carson -**

HWL was founded in 1978 to improve the status of women attorneys within the legal profession, to provide education, social, and other activities for mutual enrichment and to promote the advancement of all women. Our membership is open to all attorneys and law students, men and women. HWL is a project-oriented non-profit organization of more than 350 dedicated members of the bar. As a member of HWL, you will receive our quarterly e-newsletter and current e-notifications to keep you informed of upcoming events, monthly brown bag seminars, community service activities, and other HWL events. One of these events is the annual awards reception, held in the spring, recognizing exceptional individuals who have enhanced the lives and careers of women and the community. Members also receive discounted seminar fees for HWL seminars. We would love for you to become a member of HWL.

**"There are not many women in leadership positions at my law firm, or for that matter, many of the law firms in Hawaii. Being a part of HWL helps to fill that void and allows me to connect with many very experienced women leaders. Being able to speak candidly with those women attorneys, obtain their sage advice, and bounce ideas off them is so important and is one of the reasons I will always value HWL."**

**- Anonymous -**

Some of the projects and programs for the upcoming year include the Mother's Day gift basket project, Breakfast with Santa, the After-Holidays Goodies Drive, a school supplies drive for DOE schools in Waianae and Hilo, brown bag lunches and a "So You Want To Be A Judge?" seminar. HWL will also continue to monitor the current status of women judges in Hawaii and support the appointment of qualified women attorneys to the bench through seminars, general advocacy and support letters. In addition, HWL will continue to advocate at the legislature on a variety of issues that affect women and children, including legislation regarding sex discrimination, family/parenting leave, child care, pay equity and breastfeeding in the workplace.

**"The reason I am a member of HWL is simple: HWL provides a valuable platform for many of my colleagues to have leadership opportunities and develop strong professional relationships, which are the cornerstone of good careers. I want to encourage and support them."**

**- Paul Alston -**

**"I am a member to honor the memory of my friend Nancy Stivers, a former President of HWL, and to support the efforts that were so important to her."**

**- Honorable Richard Clifton -**

Please renew your HWL membership and/or sign up to be a member when you pay your HSBA bar dues. The annual membership cost is \$40 for attorneys, \$30 for government and non-profit attorneys, \$20 for attorneys practicing outside of Hawaii and \$10 for law students. To take advantage of the government and non-profit attorney rate, those attorneys must renew their membership directly with HWL. Government and non-profit attorneys have the option to renew their membership through HSBA, but they will have to pay the regular rate.



## Here is more feedback from some of our members about why they are a member of HWL

*"I am a member of HWL because I enjoy working with other women lawyers. I value their friendship and support and want to provide them the same. Our profession can be demanding and challenging. Having a strong and dependable support network helps all succeed together."*

- Patsy Saiki -

*"I am an HWL member because, through HWL, I get to work with bright, talented, service-oriented women lawyers I would not otherwise get to know. I continue to invest my time and energy in the organization because I believe the work we do is making a difference in our community."*

- Dianne Brookins -

*"There is a strong bond among women lawyers, particularly those that are interested in an organization that promotes women in the legal profession. In the early years of HWL when there were so few women in the courtroom defending the under privileged, HWL was a place of solace and friendship. I developed many great friends, mentors, role models and colleagues. It is a great organization for all women lawyers in any stage of practice. Thank you HWL and those who have helped to make the dream a reality."*

- Rai Saint Chu -

*"Initially, I believed it was important to be a HWL member because of the importance of insuring that one/half of Hawaii's citizens were represented in our legal system as lawyers and judges. This was a "Rule of Law" and "civil rights" issues. After becoming a member I was delighted to be part of an organization that was the creator of such important organizations as the "Domestic Violence Action Center." HWL has earned its place as one of the state's most important legal organizations."*

- Richard Turbin -

*"I am a member of HWL because ardent feminists are among its ranks. In an age where women can attain the same jobs as men, HWL refuses to accept the token representation of women in the judiciary, in law firm partnerships, and in the legal community at large, but rather, demands that women have the same representation and opportunities as men in all legal arenas."*

-Lynne McGivern -

*"Joining Hawaii Women Lawyers was the best thing I did when I moved back to Oahu from Maui. It provided me the opportunity to meet fabulous women engaged in our profession who cared about a lot of the same things that I do -- gender equity, professional development, and helping women and children throughout the community."*

- Nalani Fujimori Kaina -

*"I'm an HWL member because HWL offers fellowship and mentorship opportunities to maximize exciting yet challenging legal careers."*

- Shan Wirt -

# HWL Annual Awards

## HWL 2011 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 2011 Annual Awards to be presented in March 2012. 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 16, 2011.

### **Outstanding Woman Lawyer Award**

Criteria: Individual attorney having achieved accomplishments of significant merit 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.

See page 4 for a list of previous award recipients

# Past HWL Award Winners

## Outstanding Woman Lawyer Award

2010	Kathryn Matayoshi
2009	Florence Nakakuni
2008	Dean Hazel Beh
2007	Senator Colleen Hanabusa
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 Kanahele 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

2010	Judge Leslie Kobayashi
2009	Judge Corinne Watanabe
2008	Judge Mark Browning
2007	Judge Karen Radius
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

2010	Chief Justice (ret.) Ronald Moon
2009	Mahealani Perez Wendt
2008	Sonia Faust
2007	Judge Marcia Waldorf
2006	Shimeji Ryusaki Kanazawa
2005	Melody MacKenzie
2004	Lois Yasui
2003	Alana W. Lau
2002	Shelby Anne Floyd
2001	Beadie Kanahele 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

2010	Amy Agbayani
2009	Adriana Ramelli
2008	Rob Perez
2007	Chris Chun
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 Yukihiro 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

2010	Kimberlee Bassford
2009	Elisabeth Chun
2008	Melissa Pavlicek
2007	Louise K. Y. Ing
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

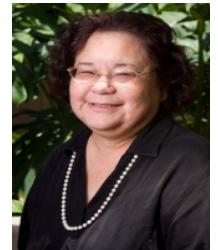
# Let's Celebrate the Successes & Service of HWL Members!

Members of HWL continue to advance professionally and support the advancement of others in the legal profession.

At the Annual HSBA Bar Convention and awards ceremony held on September, 23, 2011, HWL member **Jennifer Rose** received the 2011 "Champion for Social Justice" award. This honor is given to a lawyer or non-lawyer for their courageous work towards social justice in the face of public controversy. Jenn has been an advocate and activist for almost twenty years, working to address gendered violence and civil rights as they intersect with issues of poverty and access to justice--particularly with respect to immigrant, migrant and refugee communities in Hawaii and nationally.



Also at the meeting was current HWL member and past President **Lauren Sharkey, Esq.**, as Managing Partner of **Case Lombardi & Pettit**, which received the Ikena award for its contribution to providing legal education in Hawaii. Since 1987, Case Lombardi & Pettit has sponsored the William S. Richardson School of Law's Jurist-in-Residence Program bringing distinguished jurists to the school to meet with students, faculty, and members of the judiciary and the bar in a special educational setting. The entire description of the HSBA annual awards and the bios of the awardees can be found in the September 23, 2011 edition of Pacific Business Journal.



**Laurie Tochiki, Esq.**, a HWL Director and Member, recently received the Dean's Award at the 2011 All Class Reunion of the William S. Richardson School of Law for her outstanding service to protect women and families in Hawaii. Laurie is currently the Director of Family Court Projects at the University, was previously Associate Dean of the Law School, and was one of the founders of the Kids First Program at the Family Court of the First Circuit.

HWL Member **Eliza Talbot, Esq.** has recently joined **Hawaii Public Policy Advocates, LLC** as a consultant, working with the Society for Human Resource Management Hawaii Chapter, the Hawaii Procurement Institute and other public affairs clients. HPPA was founded and is co-managed by HWL Member and former HWL Board President, **Melissa Pavlicek, Esq.**

HWL Member **Ilana K. Waxman, Esq.** of **Galiher DeRobertis Ono** recently began her term as President of Hawaii Association for Justice. Ilana's election signals the transition of HAJ to another generation of lawyers who will carry forward the important work of the organization in protecting the rights of Hawaii's injured and preserving access to our judicial system. **Diane T. Ono, Esq.**, also an HWL Member, recently accepted her role as Managing Partner of the firm.

Congratulations to HWL Board Secretary and Member **Shellie Park-Hoapili, Esq.** of **Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing** on being selected as a 2011 HSBA Leadership Institute Fellow.



HWL Director, Past President, and Member **Joanne Lo Grimes, Esq.**, Partner at **Carlsmith Ball LLP**, has provided many hours of volunteer legal services to the APEC HAWAII 2011 Host Committee in preparation for the State's hosting the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Honolulu in November 2011. Mahalo for your service!

On August 16, 2011 HWL once again participated in the Richardson School of Law 1L orientation week by sponsoring lunch and conducting a membership orientation for the new students. In the courtyard serving pizza and cookies, HWL Board member **Jenn Rose** provided a short presentation as to the history and mission of HWL, sharing with the 1Ls recent successful community-based and mentorship programming conducted by HWL and encouraged participation in current activities such as educational workshops addressing social justice issues, balancing work and family, gender equity issues and the opportunity to serve our local communities. She and student representative **Jenny Nakamoto (3L)** talked with over two dozen students many of whom became members and expressed interest in creating a support system and finding avenues to continue community service work they did as undergraduates.

## Brown Bag Photos



# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Patsy Saiki



## Hawaii Women Lawyers Growing a Network of Support for Women Lawyers

As is reflected in this newsletter, members join and support Hawaii Women Lawyers for many different reasons. The organization's mission is to improve the lives of women in all aspects of the legal profession, not limiting the ways in which members can actively support or benefit HWL and its efforts. I am a member of HWL because I enjoy working with other women lawyers and appreciate their support, and want to support them in their efforts to improve their own lives and those that depend on them. This year we plan to create educational and networking opportunities that will encourage a growing group of lawyers to support each other in our shared mission. If you are at all interested in joining a support network of lawyers, women and men, who are committed to supporting the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, please consider becoming a member!

### HWL Officers and Board of Directors 2011-2012

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