

HWL/HWLF's Mother's Day Project

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May 2012
Congratulations!

HWLF, HWL, and our many friends completed and delivered 2,300 gift bags for the 2012 Mothers' Day Project (MDP). The gift bags were delivered to foster children, children in homeless shelters, and children living with relatives throughout Hawaii.

We thank:

- The many anonymous individual donors who gave us their gift quality toiletries, cosmetics, and cosmetic bags.
- Earl Chapman and his company, The Islander Group, for their generous donation of cosmetics and nail polish.
- law firms of Ashford & Wriston, Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, Carlsmith Ball LLP, Cades Schutte LLP, Watanabe Ing LLP, Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher, Rush Moore LLP, and Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura, and Hawaii Opera Theatre, First American Title – Hawaii, and the William S. Richardson School of Law, for serving as drop off locations, and the volunteers who delivered the donations to the "Clubhouse."
- Cades, Goodstill, McCorriston, and other law firms for their paper boxes.
- A community of about 90 lawyers, UH William S. Richardson School of Law students, students and doctors at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), and our many friends who sorted and packaged the gift bags with flowers.
- The Carlsmith Ball team that made almost all of the bows for the flowers.
- Karen Char and Malcolm Tom for providing the "Clubhouse" where the gift bags were sorted and packaged.
- Hawaiian Airlines Cargo for shipping the gift bags to Wailuku, Lihue, Hilo, and Kona.
- The social workers, social agencies, and JABSOM students who will deliver the gift bags to the children.

All of you made the 2012 MDP a great success!
Warmest Aloha,

Donna Leong
President
Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation

Patsy Saiki
President
Hawaii Women Lawyers

A Special Thank You from IHS

IHS is blessed to benefit from the Hawaii Legal Women's Foundation Mother's Day project for the 4th year in a row. IHS Executive Director Connie Mitchell shares, "It's always such a joy to see the kid's faces when they know they have a beautiful gift to present to their mothers AND then to see the faces of the mothers when they receive them. It's also special for some of the 'Aunties' in the Single Women's Program who may never have had any children to be honored too. Some of them have been helping in our Childcare Cooperative that IHS started to help parents have the support to job hunt or just take a break. Thank you so much, Legal Ladies, for helping us make Mother's Day a very special event at IHS!"



A Special Thank You from Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center

On behalf of the Trustees, staff and beneficiaries of the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, mahalo nui loa to you and the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation for your most generous donation of Mother's Day Gift Bags.

As you well know, the Children's Center mission is to serve orphan and destitute children in Hawaii, with preference to those of Hawaiian ancestry. Because of your generous donation, each family will have a brighter Mother's Day.

Mahalo,
Ben Henderson, President and Executive Director

President's Column

Patsy Saiki, HWL President



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

As reflected in this newsletter, Hawaii Women Lawyers is preparing to welcome new leadership as we enter a new fiscal year. This year we continued to grow our network of support for women lawyers with monthly brown bags and other events to provide opportunities to learn together, some of which are discussed in this newsletter.

We appreciate the support of many who contributed their time, knowledge, and their particular areas of expertise this year to help other women lawyers on their paths to leadership and financial success.

District Judges Melanie Mito May, Barbara P. Richardson, Hilary Gagnes, and Fay Koyanagi spent a lunch hour discussing their experiences and encouraging members to join the bench and empower each other. HWL Board Member Jennifer Rose led the charge to complete, distribute, and review results of a survey on equality in our profession, and has begun conducting workshops to discuss its results and what we can learn from them. Joanna Amberger, Certified Financial Planner and President of the Oahu Chapter of the Society for Financial Awareness and HWL Member Joy Miyasaki, shared their knowledge of matters relating to financial independence, supporting our families, and estate planning. Pam Chambers spoke on networking to assist those growing their own business and coming into leadership roles.

With continued support from other members and the community, members of HWL members will continue to advance professionally and support the advancement of others in the legal profession.

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

HWL member and Past President **Ellen Carson** was honored by Pacific Business News as a finalist in the Business Woman of the Year, as a “feminist lawyer [who] fights for economic power for women,” and for helping support the rights of legal rights of women. Ellen is also being honored by the Mediation Center of the Pacific at its annual meeting, along with Susan Ching and Sacha Franzel, as “three collaborative leaders who have been instrumental in growing mediation in Hawaii’s schools.” Ellen is a Director at the law firm of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing. Way to go, Ellen!

Danielle Conway, HWL member and past Director, recently published a book for the American Bar Association about procurement. Danielle also wrote a chapter about sustainable procurement in a book called Greening Local Government, also published by American Bar Association.

Best Lawyers in America – 2012 recognized HWL member, the **Honorable Victoria Marks (ret.)**, for her work in Arbitration and Mediation. HWL member **Melissa Pavlicek** will be teaching a course in communications and human resource management for a master’s level program at Chaminade University beginning in July. A cohort of Hawaii public charter school directors are enrolled in the program. Melissa is a co-owner of Hawaii Public Policy Advocates, LLC, a government relations and non-profit-management company.

Finally, HWL members **Rhonda Griswold** and **Grace Kido** were recently elected as managing partners of the law firm of Cades Schutte.

HWL's MISSION STATEMENT

“HWL is a non-profit organization of men and women, founded in 1976, committed to improving the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, influencing the future of the legal profession, and enhancing the status of women and promoting equal opportunities for all people.”

2012-2013 HWL Officers and Board of Director Candidates

It's time again for the election of your 2012-2013 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 22, 2012. Who's running for office? Keep reading!



NALANI FUJIMORI KAINA - President (succeeds to office without election) -- Nalani is the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and has been an HWL Director since 2004. In 2011, she received HWL's Rhoda Lewis Award for extraordinary public service. She is active in improving access to justice in Hawaii and in 2008 was awarded the HSBA's C. Frederick Shutte Award for her work on the 2007 Report - Achieving Access to Justice for Hawaii's People which led to the creation of the Access to Justice Commission. Nalani

received her law degree from New York University School of Law and is a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools. Her practice includes child welfare, family, public benefits, consumer, housing and elder law.



PATSY SAIKI, Immediate Past-President (succeeds to office without election) -- 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 & Komeji 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.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS (2-year term, 7/1/12-6/30/14)



SHELLIE PARK-HOAPILI, Candidate for Vice-President and President-Elect -- 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, and research assistant for Professor Eric K. Yamamoto. She was also an Edward H. Nakamura Memorial Research Scholar. 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. Shellie is married and has a 3 year old daughter, Hali'a.



CECELIA CHANG -- Cecelia currently serves on the Hawaii Women Lawyers Board of Directors, the Hawaii Supreme Court Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts, and the Native Hawaiian Bar Association Board of Directors. Cecelia was awarded the 2009 HSBA Government Lawyers Section Pro Bono Service Award. Cecelia graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a B.Ed. in Elementary Education (1982) and a J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law (1985). Cecelia is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu with a background in civil litigation (Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel; Department of the Corporation Counsel, Honolulu). From 1998 to 2010, Cecelia administered the Honolulu Community Prosecution Program, partnering with public and private stakeholders (e.g., law enforcement, courts, residents, schools, businesses, nonprofits, etc.) to solve chronic neighborhood crime problems and improve the quality of life in the community. She collaborated with the State Judiciary to establish the nationally recognized Weed and Seed Court. As a graduate instructor for the University of Nevada, Reno, Cecelia designed and teaches an online course to cultivate community prosecution initiatives in different jurisdictions through the students' course work.



NATALIE YOUNOSZAI, Candidate for Secretary -- Natalie is a staff attorney at the Intermediate Court of Appeals ("ICA"). Previously, she was a judicial law clerk for ICA Associate Judge Daniel R. Foley and then-Associate Judge (now Chief Judge) Craig H. Nakamura. She taught Legal Writing II as an adjunct professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law ("Richardson Law School") in Spring, 2009. Natalie received her law degree from the University of Texas at Austin and was a visiting law student her 2L year at the Richardson Law

School. She previously served on the board of Hawaii Women Lawyers from January 2007 to March 2009.



JACQUELYN TRYON ESSER -- Jacquelyn is a deputy public defender for the State of Hawaii. Jacquelyn earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Hawaii before attending the William S. Richardson School of Law. Jacquelyn is dedicated to enhancing the status of women and promoting equal opportunities for all people. She served as the student representative for HWL from 2007 to 2009.



SHAN WIRT, Candidate for Treasurer -- Shan has been a member of HWL since attending the William S. Richardson School of Law and was fortunate to join the Board two years ago. She would like to continue her work on the Board now as Treasurer to carry out our mission of improving the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, to enhance the status of women and to promote equal opportunities for all. Most recently, after practicing law at two mid-sized firms in town, she has returned

to her roots in communications. She is currently the Communications Specialist for Hawaii Energy, the ratepayer-funded energy conservation and efficiency program serving residents and businesses in Hawaii, Honolulu and Maui counties. In this role, she helps to develop and deliver effective messaging about the program to help our State reach its goal of reducing electricity use by 30% by 2030.



MIHOKO E. ITO -- Mihoko is an associate attorney at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, where she concentrates her practice in the area of government relations and administrative law. She is a 2003 graduate of UC Hastings College of the Law. She currently is a member of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu and WUB Hawaii, a board member of the Hawaii Procurement Institute, and serves on the Access to Justice Committee on Education and Conference Planning and Committee on Initiatives. She has been recognized as a 2008 Forty Under 40 awardee and 2011 Stars of Hope honoree, and was awarded the 2011 Hawaii State Bar Association Ki'e Ki'e Award for pro bono service, and 2011 Hawaii Justice Foundation's Spirit of Justice Award.

CANDIDATES CONTINUED



ERIN KOBAYASHI -- Erin is an associate with the Law Office of Mei Nakamoto. She is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law and practices in the areas of divorce and child custody, child support and paternity disputes. While in law school, Erin served as the Hawaii Women Lawyers' student representative from 2009-2011. She is a recipient of the James Hoeng Scholarship and worked as an extern at the Family Court of the First Circuit for the Honorable Sabrina S. McKenna before

Judge McKenna was elevated to the Hawaii Supreme Court, for the Honorable R. Mark Browning (Senior Judge of the First Circuit's Family Court), and for the Honorable Christine E. Kuriyama (then Lead Judge of the Juvenile Division of the First Circuit's Family Court). Prior to law school, she worked with the business litigation law firm of Ning Lilly & Jones, AAL, ALC. Erin has an eight year old daughter, Carys, and is a volunteer for Kids First."



LYNNE MCQIVERN -- 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.



TRICIA NAKAMATSU -- Tricia M. Nakamatsu currently serves as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, alternating between duties as a trial attorney and legislative liaison. Tricia previously worked for the Department of the Corporation Counsel, City and County of Honolulu, practicing in labor and employment law, advising various public safety departments, and serving as the administrative prosecutor for the Honolulu Liquor Commission. Prior to that, she served as an associate at Wong

& Oshima, in the area of workers' compensation law. Tricia received a B.A. in both Political Science and International Relations from Claremont McKenna College, and a J.D. from the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii. During law school, Tricia volunteered as a staff editor for the Asia-Pacific Law and Policy Journal, student representative for Hawaii Women Lawyers, and Academic Liaison for the Student Bar Association.



ZALE OKAZAKI -- 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.



LAURIE ARIAL TOCHIKI -- Laurie has been on the board of Hawaii Women Lawyers Board for the William S. Richardson School of Law since 2009. Laurie Tochiki will be transitioning to a position as President and CEO of EPIC 'Ohana this summer. EPIC is a non-profit organization serving families and children in the child welfare system. Laurie was Associate Dean for Student Services at the William S. Richardson School of Law from 1999 to 2011. Laurie has worked at the law school in several capacities, first as

Assistant Professor teaching the Family Law Clinic and then as Adjunct Professor and Assistant Dean. Dean, and most recently as Lecturer and Director of the Law School's Child Welfare Projects. Laurie was the coordinator and one of the founders of the Kids First program at the Family Court of the First Circuit, and coordinator and co-founder of the 'Ohana Conferencing program of the Department of Human Services and Family Court. She practiced for twelve years in the area of family law with eight years as a solo practitioner in Waipahu. She is a co-recipient of the Hawaii State Bar Association "Golden Gavel" award, recipient of the Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii Niu Award and the HWL Distinguished Service Award and the HWLF Rhoda Lewis Community Service Award. Laurie has three adult children: Sarah teaches at Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School, Rachel teaches in Japan, and Thomas is a senior at UH Manoa.



HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!!!



Hawai'i Women Lawyers Official Ballot for 2012 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) 545-6189 - ATTN: Patsy Saiki

All ballots must be received by 5 PM on June 22, 2012 to be counted.

The terms of the new Board members and Officers will take effect on July 1, 2012. The new Board members and Officers will be "un-officially" installed at the Annual Meeting on June 26, 2012, at 5:30 p.m., at Downtown @ the Hawaii State Art Museum, 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

The following persons are running for officer positions:

- Shellie K. Park-Hoapili, Vice-President and President-Elect
- Natalie Younoszai, Secretary
- Shan Wirt, Treasurer

Write in: _____ for _____
(name) (position)

Nalani Fujimori Kaina (President) and Patsy Saiki (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, 7/1/12 to 6/30/14. You may vote for up to 3 persons:

- Cecelia Chang
- Jacquelyn Tryon Esser
- Mihoko E. Ito
- Erin Kobayashi
- Lynne McGivern
- Tricia Nakamatsu
- Zale Okazaki
- Laurie Tochiki
- Write in: _____ (name)

The following persons will continue to serve their 2-year terms (expiring June 30, 2013) as members of the Board of Directors: Lori Amano, Cathy Betts and Dianne Brookins.

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A BREAKFAST TO REMEMBER WITH JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR

By Louise Ing



U.S Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor not only dispensed wise advice, but won hearts, when she breakfasted at the Kahala Hotel with HWL and HWLF members on January 31. Visiting Hawai'i at the invitation of William S. Richardson School of Law and en route from Guam at the invitation of one of her former law clerks, her tightly-packed schedule included talk story sessions not just with women lawyers but with law students, Farrington High School students, HSBA members, and judges.

At the HWL/HWLF breakfast, Justice Sotomayor displayed her warmth and command of the room by going table to table to greet each guest individually and pose for photos, like a bride at a wedding reception. She continued her table rounds while she spoke, shaking hands and pausing for more group shots. She covered an array of topics from women as leaders to fascinating stories from the Supreme Court's inner sanctum. Five minutes into her presentation, it occurred to me to whip out my iPad and make note of her words of wisdom. Here is a recap as best I can remember:

WOMEN LEADERS AND ADVICE TO WOMEN

- * It is our duty as women leaders not only to improve our own positions but also to help other women along the way.
- * Merit is a factor in hiring or promotion but more important is whom you know.
- * Leaders tend to hire those who display the qualities that helped the leader succeed. Thus, if the leaders are men, they will tend to hire other men.
- * To advance professionally, women need to destroy the myth that a woman can do everything.
- * Admit when one needs help. So many end up leaving the profession because they don't get that help.
- * As a teen, she resented her own mother for being a working mom but she later realized that her mother was there for her when it was important.
- * Know when to make choices for oneself and when to agonize about others.

JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR'S STRATEGY FOR ADVANCEMENT

- * Lobby strategically. You need to identify and reach the people who talk to the decisionmaker because it is they who can bring you to that decisionmaker's attention.
- * There were various groups backing various Latino/Latina candidates. Ultimately, though, the groups needed to unite in backing the "horse that can win", that is, on who was best suited for the qualifications of the job. The various advocacy groups needed to step back from particular interests and maximize the chances for the candidate most likely to win.

PRACTICE TIPS

- * The most effective Supreme Court advocates do not exaggerate the strength of their cases.
- * The best briefs say, "these are my best arguments, here are the supporting authorities." They acknowledge that while the other side's arguments can be made, those arguments should not win.
- * Don't dismiss the other side's argument as without merit. Have a balanced discussion to help the Justices in their decisionmaking.
- * Provide the answer and the structural framework that makes one's own position more persuasive.
- * Too many briefs say, "I am right and that is it." "That doesn't engage us" because by the time cases get to the Supreme Court, there are good arguments and decisions on both sides.

COURT'S INTERNAL DYNAMICS

- * The differences among Justices does not lie along the liberal vs conservative lines as the media reports.
- * It's more that each Justice has a differing view of the Constitution, the relative importance of the different branches of government, the relative importance of the individual vs. the state in determining individual rights.



- * When the Justices agree on a position, they come together in an opinion for different reasons, based on their views on the structure of the Constitution, relative powers and rights.
- * Justices lunch together 10 of 20 business days of the month, after oral argument and before conference.
- * The rule during lunch is not to talk business. Instead the Justices talk about their personal lives, gossip about the lawyers who appeared before them, discuss movies, books, travels and recent events.
- * There's real camaraderie among the Justices that cuts across interpretive and political lines. "We actually like each other" despite the vituperative opinions.
- * Justice Kennedy tries to get us to tone down our opinions.
- * Justice Scalia says Justice Sotomayor gives as good as she gets.

- * She appreciates Justice Souter's early advice to her. It had taken him awhile to appreciate that every one of his colleagues was a man and a woman of good faith. He eventually realized they are as committed as he was to the Constitution and our system of government. Everyone is passionate. Those realizations made it easier for him to accept the person. It is what allows people who fight fiercely in court be able to remain friends outside of court.
- * In answer to a question about how Justices learn about regional differences in the law when they are mostly from the north east, she observed that courts need diversity of all kinds, including geographic and practice area diversity.
- * "I don't know if we can make it up when that diversity is missing" but Justices do spend time trying to understand the issues that may come before them. For instance, Justice Thomas is interested in water rights and travels around the country to understand water rights issues.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS OR WHAT SHE DOES FOR FUN

- * Dance: now a spectator "sport" rather than an activity
- * Former cyclist who cycled two Century Bike Rides
- * Food and cooking
- * Loves poker

Justice Sotomayor rushed from our breakfast to a presentation at Farrington High School (she makes it a point to talk to students when visiting a law school or lawyer group). By all accounts, she was "a rock star" at the school, wowing students and teachers with her "C- grade to Supreme Court" personal success story, sitting among the students while she spoke to pose for group photos, and (we hope) inspiring the next generation to strive for their dreams.



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STRATEGIES TO SECURE YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

A roomful of Hawaii Women Lawyers members attended a recent brown bag lunch, graciously hosted at the Ashford & Wriston law firm by HWL Director Lynne Jenkins McGivern.

The topic was "FINANCIAL PLANNING 101" presented by Certified Financial Planner® Joanna Amberger, the President-Oahu Chapter of the Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA). HWL members attending the brown bag lunch learned some important and easy-to-implement strategies to help secure their financial futures. The group discussed the whys and hows of preparing for emergencies, insuring for the unexpected, creating a will and estate plan, reducing debt, investing for the long-term, contributing to retirement plans, and importantly, seeking expert advice when needed.

Joanna Amberger de-mystified what many members mistakenly had believed to be an overwhelming planning process. In fact, the decision-making that typically accompanies a sound financial plan need not be so cumbersome. The SOFA informational and educational seminar (NOT SALES EVENT) presented during the lunch hour provided a broad introduction to the financial planning process, and emphasized the priority that should be given to understanding the core issues motivating us in life, so that we can use appropriate financial strategies to support our unique goals. HWL members came away with action steps to take charge of their financial futures. For more information, see <http://www.sofausa.org>.

Watch for notices of upcoming HWL Brown Bag lunches -- future financial planning sessions will cover more detailed topics to help you secure your financial future. Let us know the financial topics you'd like to see scheduled for Brown Bag lunches!

SAVE THE DATE

On March 16, a dozen members and friends of HWL were able to join us at a special brown bag featuring Pam Chambers entitled "Painless and Effective Networking Tips". As you may be familiar, Ms. Chambers is a well-known and in high demand Hawaii presentation coach. She shared helpful and practical tips with attendees, such as how to identify the three people you really want to meet at an event, the step-by-step approach to meeting them, and how to receive and treat business cards (yes, there's an approach!).

By popular demand, HWL is bringing back Ms. Chambers for another presentation on June 15, 2012. This time, she will give us "keys to the kingdom" for how to host a business lunch. Be sure to RSVP to lmcgovern@awlaw.com by June 11, 2012 to reserve your seat!

May 10, 2012 HWL Brown Bag: Practical Tips on Estate Planning

Estate planning attorney Joy Miyasaki, Esq. gave an excellent overview of the estate planning process. She described the key documents to protect and control the distribution of assets, minimize transfer taxes, and provide for health care decisions. She also explained the roles of various agents, trustees, guardians, conservators, and delegates to accomplish these goals. Joy shared her thoughts on common mistakes to avoid and important considerations, such as conflict prevention, in designing an estate plan appropriate to individual circumstances.

This was Certified Financial Planner Joanna Amberger's second presentation in the HWL Brown Bag financial planning series. In follow up to her earlier workshop, Joanna offered a practical system for gathering, organizing, and storing estate plan information and documents. Joanna suggested a user-friendly document organizer for her clients and their family members, personal representatives or trustees who will be implementing the estate plan or making health care decisions. Joanna suggested timelines for document retention and other ways to streamline and secure documentation.

Hawaii Women Lawyers thanks both estate planning professionals for sharing their knowledge and experience.



Guest Speakers: Joy Miyasaki, Esq. and Joanna Amberger, CFP
Hawaii Women Lawyers Brown Bag Luncheon,
Ashford and Wriston, May 10, 2012

MISS REPRESENTATION



Over 200 movie-goers filled the UH Art Auditorium on March 10, 2012, for HWL's final screening of the cinematic documentary "Miss Representation." This film, directed by Jennifer Siebel Newson, boldly explores the mass media's "misrepresentation" of women, the effects this has had on our society, and suggests solutions for the future. The film received resounding applause from the audience, as did our esteemed panel of speakers, who provided comments and insight from their own professional and personal lives:

Paula Akana -- KITV4 news anchor & journalist
Lauren Cheape -- Miss Hawaii & ACM film scholarship recipient
Dr. Carrie Leonard -- physical scientist & STEM educator
Judge Karen Radius -- founder of Girls Court
Ming-Bao Yue -- UH EALL Department Chair & UH Women's Studies / ACM affiliate



Many attendees later went out of their way to thank the speakers and event organizers, for providing such an insightful and inspiring event.

But the March 10 film screening / panel discussion was only one of three parts to our hugely successful Miss Representation Film Series. Earlier events included a film screening at the UH Law School on February 22, 2012--with opening remarks by Emmy Award-winning news anchor Barbara Tanabe--and a Women's Studies Colloquium (and preview of selected film clips) on February 17, 2012. Both were well-attended and highly praised.

The Women's Studies Colloquium featured Ms. Tanabe as a keynote speaker, along with Lauren Cheape, who is not only the current Miss Hawaii, but also a recent UH graduate, scholar athlete and ACM film scholarship recipient. Attendees later touted the opportunity to hear from these speakers side-by-side, as they provided such different perspectives, both in terms of changing times, and "phases-in-career."

After all was said and done, HWL received many thanks and compliments for bringing together all these accomplished women and organizations from so many different backgrounds, and for providing a quality public event that sparked thought-provoking awareness and discussion. HWL would like to thank and recognize its co-sponsors for sharing in this endeavor, and for making the Miss Representation Film Series a reality:

Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women
Society of Women Engineers
UH Academy for Creative Media
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UH Women's Center
UH Department of Women's Studies
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HWL ANNUAL AWARDS

Over 200 HWL members, friends, and supporters, including members of the Judiciary and Legislature, came together on Friday, April 13, 2012, to honor the work of five individuals who contributed to the mission of HWL last year. HWL thanks Elizabeth Kent, the Honorable Faye Koyanagi, Shannon Wack, Jo Kim, Professor John Van Dyke, and Susan Ichinose for their commitment and service in support of women in all aspects of the legal profession and promoting equal opportunities for all people.

