Join Your Friends at the 5th Annual All Class Reunion

Mark your calendars now for our 5th Annual All Class Reunion at the Hale Koa Hotel from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, October 3, 2008.

For a full Aloha Buffet dinner, libation, music by Lyle Hosoda ('85) and Friends, and good company — don’t miss this event. Guests are welcome, so bring along your pals, spouse, significant other, or all of the above. Call some buddies and make it a party!

This year, the Alumni Association proudly recognizes as its Outstanding Alumna, Hon. Sabrina S. McKenna ‘82, Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. Dean Avi Soifer will be recognizing Thomas R. Grande ‘85, for his service to the Law School and leadership in the Hawaii legal community. Sabrina’s and Tom’s classmates, co-workers and friends are encouraged to join the Association in recognizing these outstanding alumni for their many professional accomplishments and community service.

Admission (only $50) includes the full buffet dinner, entertainment and parking validation (parking is $2.50 with validation). A no-host bar will be available.

Send in the enclosed event flyer to reserve a spot for you and your family and friends. Alumni from all classes are welcome, and we will be especially recognizing the 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, & 30th reunion classes of 2003, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983 and 1978, respectively.

In commemoration of the 30th year of the Alumnae vs. Law Student edition of the Ete Bowl, a special commemorative video is being prepared, so Bruzers old and new are encouraged to attend.

We would like to thank Becca Dayhuff, temporarily unretired Associate Dean Carol Mon Lee, and representatives of all reunion classes for their help in planning the event.

Are You Getting Alumni E-mails?

If you haven’t been receiving e-mails from the Law School and the Alumni Association relating to their programs and events, but would like to (we share your e-mail addresses only with the Law School), please send us an e-mail addressed to lawalum@hawaii.edu and let us know the e-mail address to which you would like us to direct Law School-related electronic correspondence.

If you are receiving our e-mails, but would prefer that we address them to another e-mail address, please let us know.

Finally, if you would like to receive alumni newsletters electronically, rather than by “snail mail,” please let us know and keep us current when you change e-mail addresses.

What’s the News with the Dues?

The Alumni Association has been working with the Law School toward a goal that all alumni will be considered Association members without the necessity of paying Association dues. The concept is that the Association’s net funding (above expenses) would come through the Law School. The process has not yet been finalized, so we would like to thank the following alumni who paid their unsolicited 2008 dues (some through the UHAA), and kept us solvent:

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Cap an Alumni Weekend
With Law School
35th Anniversary Events
on Saturday, October 4th.

Whether you live on Oahu, a neighbor island, the mainland, or abroad, make it an alumni weekend in Honolulu by coming to the Reunion on October 3rd, then joining the Law School for a celebration of its 35th Anniversary on October 4th. The Law School plans numerous “homecoming” activities, including professional development classes in the morning and early afternoon, a festive luncheon, decade rooms, and a Pa’ina in the late afternoon/evening at Andrews Amphitheater. Further details will be forthcoming. Need more info now—call Cynthia Quinn, Director of External Relations at 956-6545 or send an e-mail to lawevent@hawaii.edu.

20+ Law School Alumni and Friends
Help Build Two Leeward Homes.

On July 26, 2008 the William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association participated in its third annual service project with Habitat for Humanity. The Law School group assisted with the building of two homes on Oahu’s Leeward Coast. The alumni and friends worked side by side with the families who will be living in the homes and the Habitat for Humanity crew. The group finished the flooring and deck on one home and the roof on the other. Everyone worked hard and enjoyed the day giving back to the community. Our thanks to the following alumni and friends participated: Laurie Keeno, Kristin Keeno, Greg Cuadra, Christy Cuadra, Steve Duck, Rafael del Castillo, Lea del Castillo, Rebecca Dayhuff, Alexis Ornellas, Alicia Huffman, Calvin Young, Leslie Young, Wendell Choy, Linda Chow, Julie Padron, Lena Mobin, Raisa Mobin, Douglas Cullison, Harrison Goo, Haunani Burns, Anderson Meyer, and Liko Soma.

Xyloh Hosting Law School Alumni.

The William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association and Xyloh are proud to announce Alumni Wednesdays at Xyloh. Every second Wednesday of the month starting in September, the Alumni Association and Xyloh will host a mixer for alumni and friends. The events will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with free pupus and an open bar. There is no cost for alumni to attend. Alumni Wednesdays will be a great opportunity for alumni to reconnect with former classmates and to meet other alumni. Each alum will be allowed to bring one co-worker (21 yrs. or older) for free. Additional guests are welcome at a cost of $10.00 per person. Please look for an upcoming e-mail regarding the first Alumni Wednesday with RSVP details. Attendance will be limited to the first 150 RSVPs. Xyloh is located at 1220 Kona Street.

New WSRSLAA
Officers and Directors
Announced at Annual Meeting

The Association’s annual meeting was held, as scheduled, at the Plaza Club in Honolulu on the evening of Friday, June 29, preceding Food & Wine Extravaganza IV. President Jill Hasegawa and Treasurer Wendy Miki submitted their annual reports, and Dean Soifer provided an update on the many cool happenings at the Law School. A copy of Jill’s President’s Report is attached.

Jill announced the following WSRSLAA officers for the coming year: President – Becca Dayhuff, ’07; V.P.— Leilani Tan ’02; Treasurer — Wendy Miki, ’00; Corresponding Secretary — Jim Williston, ’78; and Recording Secretary — Lauren Imada, ’06.

Directors representing the Classes of 1976-1991 for two-year terms will be: Rosemary Fazio ’78, Dona Hanaike ’79; and Robyn Au ’80. They join the current board members for those years: Alexa Fujise ’80; Haunani Burns ’80 and Stuart Kaneko ’77. Directors representing the Classes of 1992 - 2007 for two-year terms will be: Lori Hiraoka ’00; Steve Duck ’03; and Jill Hasegawa ’04. They join the current board members for those years: Ming Chi ’05 and Wendy Yamamoto ’03. Also on the Board will be the Dean’s Class of 2007 appointees, Nam Phan and Shyla Cockett (replacing Becca, who is now President).

The Board thanked Jill for her two years of exemplary service as the Association’s President by giving her a well-earned spa package at Elements Spa & Salon. The Association wishes to thank retiring Recording Secretary Shawn Benton ’06 and retiring board members Diane Hastert ’78, Jody Kaulukukui ’98, Summer Kupau ’04, Levi Hookano ’06 and Trish Nakamura ’06 for their outstanding board service. We are sure they will all continue their support for the Association and the Law School.
Carlsmith Ball LLP, the state's oldest and largest Hawaii-based law firm, has announced a gift of $150,000 to the University of Hawaii’s William S. Richardson School of Law to establish the Law School’s first Law Faculty Scholar position. The Carlsmith Ball Faculty Scholar fund will offer financial support for faculty research and scholarship for professors at the Richardson Law School, the only American Bar Association-accredited Law School in the Pacific-Asia region.

According to the Carlsmith firm’s Chairman and Law School alumnus, Karl Kobayashi ('81), “our gift was inspired by the U.H. William S. Richardson School of Law’s tremendous contribution to Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific legal community. We are pleased to support the Law School’s efforts to continue its tradition of faculty excellence in teaching and research.”

Kobayashi added that, “Carlsmith is a beneficiary of U.H.’s distinguished law school program by employing graduates who come to our firm with the values, skills and knowledge to serve clients and the Asia-Pacific community with honor.”

“Our faculty is a diverse, dedicated, and remarkably skilled group of teachers who are recognized nationally and internationally for their legal expertise and scholarship,” said Law School Dean Aviam Soifer. Expressing his gratitude to the Carlsmith Ball firm for its leadership, partnership and investment in Hawaii’s Law School, Dean Soifer added that, “[e]xcellence in research and scholarship is vital to the Law School’s ability to serve current and future law students and the entire community.”

Carlsmith Ball LLP is a leading law firm in the Pacific Region, with close to 100 lawyers in eight offices in Saipan, Guam, Honolulu, Kapolei, Maui, Kona, Hilo and Los Angeles. The firm has served a broad range of clients in Hawaii for more than 150 years.

Over 80 Law School alumni and friends gathered on the evening of Friday, June 27th at the Plaza Club for “State of the Law School” address, and to Associate Dean Laurie T追溯ki, Professor Jon Van Dyke and Law School Chief Operating Officer Dale Lee for sharing the evening with us.

Over 80 Alumni & Friends Gather at the 4th Annual Food & Wine Extravaganza.

Thanks also to Dean Soifer, who gave the gathered multitude a brief "State of the Law School" address, and to Associate Dean Laurie T追溯ki, Professor Jon Van Dyke and Law School Chief Operating Officer Dale Lee for sharing the evening with us.

We would also like to thank our very generous "Silent Auction" donors: Dean Aviam Soifer, Hon. James S. Burns (ret.), Prof. Jon Van Dyke, Jennifer A. Hee, and the following alumni: Bruce Anderson '76, Adam Borrello '99, Shawn Ching '03, Bishop Museum/Noelle Kahanau '92 sponsoring our event at the Plaza Club.

A big "mahalo" also goes to Gordon Arakaki '84 for coordinating with the wine merchants and vendors and for sponsoring our event at the Plaza Club.
Alumni Committees Seek New Members.

The Alumni Association can always use an infusion (or was that “transfusion?”) of new blood. Tell us if you are interested in serving on one of our many busy, but understaffed, committees. To sign up or just find out more, send an e-mail to lawalum@hawaii.edu: The names and a brief description of our committees follows:

1. Directory (puts together our triennial alumni directory)
2. Newsletter (produces and prepares our quarterly newsletter for mailing)
3. Seminars (plans continuing legal education seminars & other CLE programs)
4. Golf Tournament (plans and puts on the annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament)
5. Sporting Events (plans Ete Bowl and other sporting activities)
6. Membership, Events and Benefits (plans social events such as the annual All Class Reunion, Wine Tasting Event and Graduating Class Dinner)
7. Law School Liaison (serves as liaison between the Law School and Alumni Assn.)
8. Elections (recruits candidates for and conducts Association elections)
9. Public Service Projects (scouts opportunities for and organizes public service projects)

Alumni Tidbits

Let us know if there’s any news you would like to share with your classmates and other fellow alumni: a recent wedding, a new baby, a new job, a big award....Just send an e-mail to lawalum@hawaii.edu or a note to our P.O. Box.

1987 — The U.S. Supreme Court recently cited two of Villanova Law School Professor John Gotanda’s articles on punitive damages in Exxon Shipping Co. v. Baker 128 S.Ct. 2605, 76 USLW 4603 (June 2008), (vacating a Ninth Circuit decision awarding $2.5 billion in punitive damages for Exxon Shipping’s conduct arising out of the Exxon Valdez oil spill and reducing it to just over $500 million). Prof. Gotanda also spoke recently on the subject of damages at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, and Gray's Inn in London.

1997 — Allison Chang asked us to tell her classmates and friends that she’s still in Northern California, trying to visit Hawaii every chance she gets. In 2006 she left Baker & McKenzie after 6 1/2 years to join Applied Materials as its director of the Office of the Ombudsman, supporting the company’s global ethics and compliance program. She reports, “I recently left Applied to join Yahoo! to be Yahoo!’s legal director of compliance and ethics.” On a personal note, she adds, “my husband and I have a really cute [15-month-old baby boy and live in the ‘burbs in Pleasanton.’ She asks friends to send an email if they’ll be in the area.

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Ete Bowl Practices Begin
Sunday, September 7th.
Bruzer Players & Coaches Needed.

Miss the camaraderie of Ete Bowls past, or want to learn the game of flag football? Come join the Alumnae Bruzers as a player or coach. Questions? Call Sharon Nishi ’87 (529-7300) or send an email to Sonja McCullen ’02 (sonjamccullen@yahoo.com). Practices at Kamamalu Field (between Nuuanu YMCA and the Pacific Club) will start at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 7th, and continue every Sunday thereafter through the game. Start (or keep) jogging and we’ll see you in September. Check the Law School’s on-line Calendar of Events or our website in October to catch the date for this year’s historic 30th Alumnae v. Student Ete Bowl.