



# Alumni Newsletter

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## Golf Tourney Coming Up on Tuesday May 21st. Entry Form Enclosed.

Our 17th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament is coming up on the afternoon of Thursday, May 29th at the beautiful Hawaii Prince Golf Club. The tournament raises money for scholarships for UH Law Students who have demonstrated a commitment to public service and for the UH Elder Law Program (UHELP). Come join us for an afternoon of camaraderie and exercise, while helping a good cause. The \$125 per golfer tournament fee includes lunch, the Hawaii Prince's famous buffet (with prime rib and two other entrees), golf, cart and a chance at some great prizes. Call some classmates, friends, relatives, or clients and get a threesome or sixsome together (two threesomes tee off together as a group), or just sign yourself up and we'll pair you with some other fun folks. Even if you can't play, maybe you can help us with a prize donation or sponsorship.

Tournament information and a list of Class Coordinators for most graduating classes are on the enclosed Tournament Flyer. Extra flyers (or entry forms) can be down-loaded from our website at [www.uhlawalumni.org](http://www.uhlawalumni.org). Even if you're not a golfer, alums are also encouraged to join the gang at the sumptuous post-tournament prime rib buffet banquet at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club (5:30 p.m.)(only \$30 for non-golfers to attend banquet).

## Gala 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event—Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Come to the Japanese Cultural Center & Welcome Dean Soifer.

The Law School is planning a gala dinner to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its opening in 1973, to show the aloha of the Law School community to Larry Foster upon his return to the teaching faculty, and to extend a warm welcome to incoming Dean Aviam Soifer (see related story). The dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Japanese Cultural Center in Moiliili. **Mark your calendar now.**

We are in the process of contacting each graduating class with the goal of having at least one table of ten at the event for each class. If you would be willing to contact classmates to get a table together, please contact the Alumni Association by e-mail at [wsrslaa@netscape.net](mailto:wsrslaa@netscape.net) or call Desiree Hikida Mokuohai at the Law School at 956-5516.

We are planning an excellent evening, short on speeches and long on entertainment, good food, and fun, so save that evening and start calling your friends to get a table together.

### **Don't be Bored, Join Our Board**

Half of the elected WSRSLAA Director positions (3 Directors from the classes before 1990 and 3 from the Class of 1990 and thereafter) and all of the Officer positions (Pres., V.P., Sec. and Treas.) are up for grabs. So, if you are an alum interested in serving, or wish to nominate another member (with his or her okay) to serve, as a Officer or Director, please fill out the Nomination Form below and send it to the Association by Monday, June 2, 2003. We encourage any alum with some energy and a little time to sign up and join in the fun.

## Annual Meeting Coming up Pau Hana on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Murphy's Downtown.

Calling all alumni! The 2003 annual meeting of the William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St. in Downtown Honolulu. Come down early (4:30-5:30) for some pau hana refreshment and a chance to chat with old friends and meet a few new ones as well. Pupus will be served; no host bar available. All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Dean's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Election Results
9. Adjournment

### 2003-04 WSRSLAA

#### CANDIDATE NOMINATION AND DUES PAYMENT FORM (Send to WSRSLAA P.O. Box 952, Honolulu, HI 96808 by Monday, June 2, 2003)

PERSON TO BE NOMINATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name)

I AGREE TO RUN AND SERVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

NOMINEE'S DAYTIME PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR GRADUATED FROM LAW SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATOR/NOMINATRIX (CAN BE SAME AS NOMINEE) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name)

WSRSLAA OFFICE FOR WHICH THE NOMINEE IS NOMINATED:

PRESIDENT       SECRETARY     DIRECTOR  
 VICE PRESIDENT       TREASURER

#### FOR 2003 DUES PAYMENT:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATING CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PH. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM IN WITH YOUR DUES OF \$20. A "Y" indicates you are a current (2003) member. DUES ARE WAIVED DURING 2003 FOR THE CLASSES OF 2002 and 2003.**

## Aviam Soifer Named New Dean Effective July 1st

After conducting an extensive nationwide search, the University of Hawai`i at Manoa has proudly announced the selection of Aviam ("Avi") Soifer as the new Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Dean Soifer will succeed Dean Larry Foster, who returns to the teaching faculty after nearly 15 years as a Law School administrator, almost eight of those years as its Dean.

Dean Soifer had been serving as Professor of Law and former Dean (1992-1998) of the Boston College Law School. He previously taught at Boston University School of Law and the University of Connecticut Law School.

UH President Evan Dobbelle remarked, "This is an important statement about a highly visible part of the University, and the fact that we have attracted a person of Avi Soifer's credentials speaks volumes about our national reputation." UH Manoa Chancellor Peter Englert added, "We are very pleased that someone with Professor Soifer's highly-regarded academic and administrative background will be joining us this summer."

Aviam Soifer has taught and written primarily in the areas of constitutional law and legal history. He is a 1972 graduate of Yale Law School where he earned his bachelor's (American Studies) and master's degrees (Urban Studies) as well. He served as editor of the Yale Law Journal and helped create a clinical program in which law students represented mentally ill residents of Connecticut's largest state hospital.

Outgoing Dean Foster noted that early on, Soifer emerged as the lead candidate for the UH position. "The entire law school community is very excited about this appointment," Foster said. "Dean Soifer's national and international reputation as a star scholar alone will greatly enhance the already strong reputation of our Law School and the University. I predict that his tenure as Dean will soon come to be known as the 'glory days' of our school."

Soifer's extensive publications include Law and the Company We Keep, which was awarded the triennial Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Book Prize in professional studies in 1998. He received the Boston College university-wide Distinguished Senior Research award in 2002. He was recently named a Distinguished Scholar at the University of Wisconsin Legal Studies Institute. His most recent articles and book chapters concern religious freedom, disability rights, and issues of judging and judgment. Currently, he serves on several boards of trustees and advisory committees of public interest organizations that deal with medical care, human rights, and judicial and legal education in the U.S. and abroad.

The UH Chancellor and Regents demonstrated their commitment to the Law School by approving the appointment effective July 1, 2003 at an annual salary not to exceed \$254,000.

## ALUMNI TIDBITS

*If you have any news you would like to share with fellow alumni—business or professional—e-mail us at our Alumni E-mail address or just jot a note on the Nomination or Dues Transmittal form and send it in.*

1976 – Congratulations to **Maj. Gen. Edward "Butch" Correa, Jr.**, who was recently named to the Hawaii Joint Police Association Hall of Fame.

1978 – Our best to **Patrick Tao-mae** upon his election as VP of the ACLU of Hawaii for the coming year.

1980 – Thanks to **Bruce Yoshida** for his efforts with the Malama No Keiki Foundation. Bruce will serve as the Foundation's vice president for the coming term.

Welcome back to law practice to **Lawrence M.G. "Larry" Enomoto**. After running his consulting company, Sat-Info International, for the past two years, Larry decided to reactivate his Hawaii law license and opened his solo practice in Aiea, focusing in the area of public international law, in which he served since his graduation, both as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer with the State Dept. (1980-85) and as International Relations Advisor for the NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (1987-2000).

1986 - Mahalo to **Bruce Campbell** for all the work he does keeping the baseball fields of Oahu playable for our youth. Bruce was the subject of a recent glowing column by Lee Cataluna in the Honolulu Advertiser.