New WSRSLAA Officers and Directors

Two Vacancies Remain. (Would you like to make it one?)

Aloha to Outgoing Officers and Board Members.

The Alumni Board is looking for alumni to serve as Recording Secretary and Board member from the Classes of 1991 - 2005. If interested, please call Pres. Jim Williston (988-0425) or e-mail the Association at lawalum@hawaii.edu. The Board currently has no members from the Classes of 1991 - 1999, so we particularly encourage alumni from

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Dodie Miller Passes Away.

We are very sorry to report the death, on April 23rd, of Dodie Miller, the wife of Prof. Emeritus and former Law School Dean Richard Miller and the mother of Andrea (Miller) Armitage ('84). Dodie and Dick came to Hawaii in June of 1973 to help get the Law School started. Over the years, and particularly during Dick’s tenure as dean, Dodie was the "First Lady of the Law School," appearing at or co-hosting almost every law school event. Dodie and Dick (the two names always went together) traveled all over the world together, initiating in 1986 the Law School's first faculty exchange program with the faculty of law at Hiroshima Univ.

Dodie’s perennially happy and friendly disposition and the pleasure she took in talking with everyone she met provided our graduates and faculty members with many happy memories. Those who would like to honor Dodie’s memory with a contribution may send it "in memory of Dodie Miller" to St. Francis West Hospice, 91-2127 Ft. Weaver Rd., Ewa Beach, HI 96706. Dick was overwhelmed by the warm and loving care provided to Dodie and him by the Hospice staff when Dodie’s illness made it impossible for Dick to continue to care for her at home.

Class of 1985 holds 20th Reunion at Hale Koa

The Class of 1985 held a 20th reunion dinner at the Hale Koa Hotel on July 24, 2005. About 35 class members and spouses attended. Former Dean Dick Miller and Dean Avi Soifer joined the class for the occasion. Dean Soifer gave the class an update on the Law School, and classmates shared slides from their law school days as well as current family photos. The class, whose graduating class gift in 1985 had been to the Advocates for Public Interest Law Fund, renewed their support for the Fund with an additional gift this year.

WSRSLAA Annual Meeting.

Thirty-seven members attended this year’s Annual Meeting at Murphy’s Bar and Grill, either in person or by proxy. The members approved the proposed By-Law Amendment to establish separate Recording and Corresponding Secretary positions on the Board. Outgoing three-term President John Egan ‘00 gave his final President’s Report, commenting on how rewarding his tenure had been.

Dean Avi Soifer up-dated the members on the Law School’s past year, emphasizing the students' initiative and energy and his commitment to support their initiatives. He also stressed the faculty's quality and commitment. He proudly announced the Law School's receipt of a $600,000 federal grant to institute a Native Hawaiian Legal Center of Excellence, which will be under the direction of alumna Melody MacKenzie ’76, and added that the School is also working with the State on a nearly $100,000 grant for Family Court research and training. Avi related the strong ties being formed between the Law School and officials and institutions of other nations. In particular, he noted the success of the recent Pacific Judicial Conference in Palau and recent steps to strengthen relations with two leading Beijing law schools.

Alumni Take Leadership Roles in Hawaii Women Lawyers

Hawaii Women Lawyers (HWL) recently announced its 2005-2006 Officers and Board of Directors, a number of whom are Richardson Law alumnae. Stacey Kawasaki Djou ’97 is the president, and Emi Kaimuloa ’02, has been named secretary. The Board includes Patsy Saiki ’92, Joanne Grimes ’94, Lane Hornfeck McKay ’98, Shellie Park ’02, Wendy Hanakahi ’03, and Tricia Nakamatsu ’04. HWL is a non-profit organization of women and men dedicated to improving the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, enhancing the status of women, and promoting equal opportunities for all people.
Alumni Tidbits

If you have any news you would like to share with fellow alumni, just send the information on the reverse of your membership form or by e-mail.

1977 – It is with great sadness that we relate the passing of Daniel Uyemura on Friday, July 29th. Our condolences to Dan’s family and friends.

1979 and 1989 – Congratulations to Riki M. Amano ’79 and Michael F. Nauyokas ’89 who recently successfully completed mediator certification by the prestigious Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at the Pepperdine School of Law.

1982 – Our hats off to First Circuit Court Judge Sabrina McKenna upon the announcement of her retention for a second ten-year term.


Congrats to Lea Hong ’91, recently recognized as one of Pacific Business News’s “Forty Under 40.” Lea leads the Environmental and Cultural Resources Practice Group at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing and has been recognized as Bank of Hawaii’s Community Leader of the Year, and, last year, was the Hawaii Woman Lawyer of the Year.

1995 – Our best to Mary Lourdes Fritz Materne, sworn in in May as the new associate judge of the Palau Supreme Court. She had previously served with the Mi-


152 golfers enjoyed a day of sun (with a few friendly clouds) and fun at the Hawaii Prince Golf Course in Ewa, followed by a sumptuous prime rib buffet with music provided by Mina Brinkopf’s band. C.J. Richardson and Dean Soifer greeted the golfers prior to the 12:30 p.m. shotgun tee-off. To make things interesting, Cutter Automotive put up a brand new shiny red Mustang convertible as the hole-in-one prize; unfortunately, the closest ball rolled inches by the hole. The tournament will be donating $6,000 to the U.H. Foundation for scholarships to law students demonstrating a commitment to public service and for the Law School’s Elder Law Program.

Special thanks to our hard-working Golf Committee for a successful tourney. The Committee includes co-chairs Colin Kurata ’78 and Jim Stone ’76, and members Stuart Kaneko ’77, Harlan Kimura ’82, Kaleen Miyasato ’00, Phil Miyoshi ’00, Sesnita Moepono ’86, Carter Siu ’99, Keoni Shultz ’00, Jim Williston ’78, Scott Suzuki ’04 and Barbara Wong ’03. Thanks also to our many Class Coordinators for rustling up golfers. Mahalo as well to Westlaw, the SBA, the Law School Admin. (especially Jamie Kunichika and Amy Ono) and the Miss Hawaii contestants for providing and serving as tourney volunteers.

Trophy winners in the one-two best ball format tourney were:

William S. Richardson trophy (best mixed alumni/guest team): James J. Stone ’76, Romy Cachola and Shiu Naranayan – 79
Dean’s trophy (best all guest team): Sarah Levy, Sun Stone and Connie Bache – 80
John D. Waihee, III, trophy (best all alumni team): James Agena ’83, Neal Aoki ’85 and Craig Sadamoto ’84 – 82
Nick Garcia putting contest: Westlaw team of Randy Ba-
naria, Darnell Cole and Rod Labrador – 30 team putts.

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**Faculty Factoids.**

Professor **Eric Yamamoto** has been selected to receive the prestigious annual Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Award. As this year’s honoree, Prof. Yamamoto was selected from among all of the law teachers in the country!

Professor **Ron Brown** has returned home after a year in Beijing on a Fulbright Distinguished Lectureship. Welcome home to Ron and his wife, Mangmang (’98).

**Reinhard Mohr (1976) Passes Away**
(Information from Honolulu Advertiser obituary of Feb. 2, 2005)

Reinhard Mohr, 62, a graduate of the Law School’s inaugural class died on January 27, 2005, at the Queen’s Medical Center after a long illness. He was born on June 1942, in Yugoslavia, and had lived and traveled in the U.S., Africa, Asia, and Europe. Throughout his life, Reinhard fought for peace and justice. He was a founder of the SDS (Students for a Democratic Society), established a scholarship program for underrepresented students in the legal field, and organized for civil rights and against the Vietnam War. In Hawaii, Reinhard served as executive director of both the Kahaluu Ecumenical Youth (KEY) Project in Windward Oahu and the Hawaii chapter of the ACLU. He is survived by a son, Charles Jacob Mohr, and two sisters, Martha Steuwig and Elfrieda Martin, and their families.

A private family ceremony was planned, with ashes to be scattered on Mt. Rainer and in Europe. The family requested that donations be made in Reinhard’s memory to the Institute for Human Services or the Homeless Solution Program.
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cronesian Legal Services Corp., as an Assistant Attorney General, and, from April of 2003, as Senior Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

**1996 - Melissa Teves Pavlicek** announces the opening of her new office at the Davies Pacific Ctr., 841 Bishop St., Suite 1628 in Honolulu (ph. 523-3695). Her practice emphasizes government affairs, business transactions and corporate law. Ms. Pavlicek is the registered lobbyist for Western States Petroleum Assn. and has advocated for numerous state legislative initiatives, including Hawaii Women Lawyers’ successful effort to have a breast cancer treatment law enacted. Melissa is married to Stephen Teves ’90 and serves as vice-chair of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii.

**1999 - Ammie Roseman-Orr and Dangkhoa Nguyen**, now of Silver Spring, MD, proudly announce the birth on July 28, 2005, of their sons: Alexander Wilson Nguyen (2:02 p.m. - 18 inches and 5 lbs, 7 oz.) and Kyle Stephen Nguyen (2:05 p.m.– 20 inches and a hefty 6 lbs, 13 oz.). Mom, dad and boys are doing well.

**2001 – Kudos to Susan Hippensteele**, an associate professor in the U.H. Manoa Women’s Studies Program, upon being awarded the University’s Robert W. Clopton Award for Outstanding Service to the Community for her extensive volunteer work for organizations bringing needed legal services to disadvantaged women and families.

**2002 – Congratulations to Jamie Cheng and Bree Kurihara**, who are pushing the limits of their law degrees and using their legal backgrounds to open a new day spa and hair salon called Elements Spa & Salon. Elements focuses on natural beauty and personal balance and specializes in Aveda services and products. Visit Jamie, Bree and the spa at 1726 Kapiolani Blvd. (ph. 942-0033), across the street from the convention center, or on the ‘Net at www.elementshawaii.com.

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