Join Your Friends at the 4th Annual All Class Reunion
Set for the Willows Restaurant on Friday, September 28th;
WSRSLAA to Honor Outstanding Alumnus Gary O. Galiher ’77 and Dean’s Awardee Hon. Colleen Hanabusa.

Mark your calendars now to join the Alumni Association for our 4th Annual All Class Reunion at the serene and picturesque Willows Restaurant in Moiliili, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, September 28, 2007.

A full Kama‘aina Feast buffet dinner, libation, music by Kupa‘aina and good company will abound — you should not miss this annual event. Guests are welcome, so bring along your pals, spouse or significant other. The buffet includes poke, lomi salmon, fruit, salads, desserts, and five ono entrees—the Willows Famous Chicken Curry, the Island Catch of the Day w/ Miso Butter Sauce, Teriyaki Chicken Kara'age, Hawaiian Lau Lau and Prime Rib Au Jus. (See attached flyer for menu details.) Call some buddies and make it a party!

This year, the Alumni Association proudly recognizes as its Outstanding Alumnus, Gary O Galiher ’77, founding partner of the firm of Galiher DeRobertis Ono. Gary was recently recognized by Honolulu Magazine as one of Hawaii’s Best Lawyers in the field of mass tort litigation. Dean Avi Soifer will be recognizing Gary’s classmate, Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, the first Law School Alum to serve as the head of either house of

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Ete Bowl Practices Begin September 2nd
Players & Coaches Needed, so Come Out.

Miss the camaraderie of Ete Bowls past, or want to learn the game of flag football? Come join the Bruzers as a player or coach. Questions? Please call Sharon Nishi ’87 (529-7300) or send an email to Sonja McCullen ’02 (sonjamccullen@yahoo.com) or Alison Kunishige ’03 (akunishi@yahoo.com). Practices at Kamamalu Field (between Nuuanu YMCA and the Pacific Club) will start at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 2nd, and continue every Sunday thereafter through the game. Start jogging and we’ll see you in September. Check the Law School’s on-line Calendar of Events or our website in October to find out date of this year’s game.

Ethical Lobbying Seminar Featuring National Expert Slated for 8:30-11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13th at the State Capitol Auditorium.

The Alumni Association and the Law School will be co-sponsoring a program on ethical lobbying featuring Ann Bailey, the ethics expert for the California State Senate and a top national speaker in the field, Daniel Mollway, executive director of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, and Charles Totto, executive director of the Honolulu Ethics Commission. If you or any of your clients appear before the legislature for money, including your salary, you need to know about lobbyist registration and regulation.

The seminar will be held at the State Capitol Auditorium (chamber level) from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13th. The cost for the seminar will be $29 per participant. Send in the attached registration form if you would like to attend. Provide copies of the form to your lobbyist friends.
New WSRSLAA Officers and Directors Announced at Annual Meeting Aloha to Outgoing Boardmembers.

The Association’s annual meeting was held, as scheduled, at the Plaza Club in Honolulu on the evening of Friday, June 29th preceding Food & Wine Extravaganza III. President Jill Hasegawa and Treasurer Wendy Miki submitted their annual reports, and a copy of Jill’s annual report is attached.

Jill announced that the following will be the WSRSLAA’s officers for the coming year: President – Jill Hasegawa, ’04; V.P.-- Leilani Tan, ’02; Treasurer -- Wendy Miki, ’00; Corresponding Secretary – Rosemary T. Fazio, ’78; and Recording Secretary – Shawn Benton, ’05. Returning Directors representing the Classes of 1976-1991 for two-year terms are: Haunani Burns, ’80; Alexa Fujise, ’80; and Stuart Kaneko, ’77, who will join Robyn Au, ’80, Diane Hastert, ’78; and Jim Williston, ’78, who were elected last year to represent those classes. Returning Directors representing the Classes of 1992 - 2006 for two-year terms are: Ming Chi, ’05, Summer Kupau, ’04; and Wendy Yamamoto, ’03. They will join Lori Hiraoka, ’00; Steve Duck, ’03; and Jody Kaulukukui, ’98 who were elected in 2005 to represent those classes. We also welcome to the Board the Dean’s Class of 2007 appointees: Rebecca Dayhuff and Nam Phan. They join the Dean’s 2006 appointees, Levi Hookano and Trisha Nakamura.

The Association wishes to thank retiring boardmembers Malia Schreck, ’05 and Della Au Belatti, ’03 for their board service. Malia served for the past two years, co-chairing the Class of 2006’s highly successful Graduating Class Dinner and providing her valuable input on many issues. Della served for the past four years. She and some of her classmates initiated the Graduating Class Dinner in 2003, she worked actively to reinstitute our annual All Class Reunion after a several-year hiatus and, with Norm Cheng and Garrick Lau, she organized our first two Food and Wine Extravaganzas. We will miss Malia’s and Della’s positive energy on the Board, but hope they will continue their support for the Association and the Law School.
Alumni Tidbits

If you have any news you would like to share with fellow alumni, just send the information by mail or by e-mail at lawalum@hawaii.edu

1977 – Congratulations to Darwin Ching, whom Governor Lingle has named, subject to Senate confirmation, as the interim director of the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Darwin has served as a deputy prosecuting attorney and deputy attorney general, as a member of the State Board of Education and has been in private practice for many years. He is also the first Richardson Law School alum to be the father of two other alumni.


1990 – Hats off to Leslie H. Kondo, who leaves the Office of Information Practices to join the Public Utilities Commission as a Commissioner. Les will complete the six-year term of Wayne Kimura, who retired prior to the end of his term (July 30, 2008).

1993 -- Our best wishes to Hon. Tommy Waters, who has joined Dean Young in the law firm of Waters & Young, LLC. The firm plans to emphasize criminal defense, DUI and license revocation matters, liquor licensing, and personal injury litigation. The new firm is located in Ste. 465 of the Puaahi Tower, 1001 Bishop St.

1995 & 1998 – The Pacific Business News recently named alumni Christopher Dang ’95 and Sharon Har ’98(V) as among its “40 Under 40” list of rising stars in Hawaii’s business community. In addition to his law practice, Christopher donates much of his time to help the Hawaii Bone Marrow Registry, Catholic Charities of Hawaii, Easter Seals Hawaii and the Hawaii Medical Center Foundation. Sharon, a Bays, Deaver firm associate and former adviser to then Lt. Governor Mazie Hirono, was recently elected to her first term in the State House, representing Makakilo-Royal Kunia-Kapolei.

1996 – Belated congratulations to Robert Piper, upon his appointment in January as Deputy Director of the State Department of Budget and Finance. Prior to the appointment, Robert had been serving as a key advisor to Lt. Gov. James “Duke” Aiona (’81). Robert had previously worked for the Paul Johnson and Tam O’Connor firms and at the Bank of Hawaii in several capacities.

1999 – Kudos to Kai Wang, currently a partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP, upon her acceptance into Harvard’s LL.M. program beginning in the Fall of 2007. When her program is completed, she will receive her third law degree, following an LL.B. from her native China and her WSRSL J.D.

Golf Tournament Committee Looking for New Members

The WSRSLAA Golf Tournament Committee is looking for some new members. Some of the Committee’s ancient members have been serving since the inaugural tournament 20 years ago, and would like to pass their knowledge on to the younger generation of go-getters. If you would be interested in joining the committee in preparation for our 2008 tournament, please contact Colin Kurata ’78 (co-chair) at 524-2900, Jim Williston ’78 at lawalum@hawaii.edu, or any of our other committee members: David Arakawa ’81, Sieu Che ’05, Ming Chi ’05, Levi Hookano ’06, Stuart Kaneko ’77, Harlan Kimura ’82, Sesnita Moepono ’86, Carter Siu ’99, James J. Stone ’76 (co-chair), Scott Suzuki ’04, Michael Vieira ’04, and Wendy Yamamoto ’03.

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the State Legislature, for her service to the Law School and leadership in the greater Hawaii community. Gary’s and Colleen’s classmates, co-workers and friends are encouraged to join the Association in recognizing them for their many accomplishments in the profession and their commitment to the community.

The full dinner buffet is only $45 for law students and alumni association members, and only $50 for other alumni and guests. Admission includes the full buffet dinner and one standard drink. ($3 valet parking is available with event validation.)

Personalized invitations will be mailed out soon, but don’t wait until then to decide to attend. Send in the enclosed event flyer to reserve a spot for you and your friends. Alumni from all classes are welcome, and we will be especially recognizing the 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th & 30th reunion classes of 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982 and 1977, respectively.

2007 Directories Distributed—Errata on Separate Attached Errata Sheet.

Thanks to our hard-working Directory Committee (Jim Williston (chair), Ming Chi, Rosemary Fazio, Jill Hasegawa, Diane Hastert, and Lori Hiraoka), and to Amy Wiecking and her crew at the Law School, the 2007 Directory was printed and distributed to alumni in May. The Directory includes listings of alumni sorted by last name (alphabetical listing), geographical location, area of practice emphasis and graduating class. Thanks to Dean Soifer and the Law School the Directory was distributed to all alumni in the U.S., rather than solely to dues-paid members.

Although we sought to be accurate, a number of alums have provided us with new directory information and corrections, which are listed on the Separate Errata Sheet attached to this newsletter. (In order to protect the privacy of these alumni, the contact information is not listed in the newsletter on-line.)
20th Annual Golf Tournament A Great Success

“Mahalo” to our hard-working tournament committee (listed in the preceding article) for a great 20th Annual Law School Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament at the beautiful Hawaii Prince Golf Course in Ewa on May 17th. Although the Association did not have the required minimum of 144 golfers, thanks to the generosity of our tournament sponsors and donors we were still able to raise $5,000 for scholarships to law students committed to public service and for the Elder Law Clinic. We would also like to thank Dean Avi Soifer, Chief Justice (retired) William S. Richardson, and the U.H. Rainbow Dancers for coming out to Ewa and adding their positive energies to the tournament. We are also grateful to the McCorriston firm, Carnazzo Court Reporters, and Jim Williston for sponsoring law student teams in the tournament.

The tournament had a three-person team one-two best ball format, with one golfer’s score recorded for each odd-numbered hole and two scores recorded for each even-numbered hole. To encourage participation and discourage “sandbagging,” the best prizes (including some fabulous golf and travel packages) did not go to the lowest scoring teams, but to the teams finishing 10th, 20th, 30th and 40th in the tournament’s 45-team field.

Following the tournament, a sumptuous buffet dinner/awards banquet was held at the Bird of Paradise Restaurant on the grounds of the Hawaii Prince Golf Course. Kudos to the Prince for a great spread and to Tournament Co-chair Colin Kurata for his jovial emceeing of the program and prize giveaway.

Winner of the Waiehe Trophy for the best all alumni/student team were Kaleen Miyasato (’00), Anne Lopez (’01), and Philip Miyoshi (’00).

Winner of the Richardson Trophy for the best mixed alumni and guest team (with the overall low net score) was the team of Dan Pagliarini (’87V), Blake Bushnell (’87) and Anthony Pace.

Winner of the Dean’s Trophy for the best all-guest team was the Goodsill Team of John Lacy, Randy Baldemor and Vince Baldemor.

Winners of the trophy for the best all-wahine team was the Galiher DeRobertis team of Diane Ono (’91), Andrea Dolim and Joyce Kimura.

Winners of the Nick Garcia putting contest and the Odyssey putters donated by Garcia Rosenberg & McKay was the team of Cathy Takase ’89, Gerald Takase ’82 and Craig Sadamoto ’84.

Our thanks to the many volunteers, including law students, Law School staff, Elder Law Clinic staff and others who gave up their time to help make the tournament a success.

The following is a list of the tournament’s sponsors, prize donors and other donors. Without their kokua, the tournament would not have been the success that it was, so please show your aloha to these firms and businesses.

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I would like to thank Dean Soifer, his administration, the Law School faculty and students, and the WSRSLAA membership and Board for their efforts, despite the loss of several key team leaders due to family tragedies. Mahalo to the Law School Etes.

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Our alumni returned to their roots of public service. In July 2007 we implemented the first of our semi-annual service projects, with over 25 volunteers helping to build a home with Habitat for Humanity. We continued on our path, with an even more successful volunteer day with the Wai'anae Valley Audubon Center, involving over 35 members, friends and family of our law school ohana. We will continue with this effort, returning back to Habitat for Humanity for a service project on July 21, 2007 [since completed]. We hope that you will be able to join us as we give back to the community and remember why many of us went to law school—to help others.

This year, we had many successful events that strengthened our relationship with the Richardson Law School. Our Third Annual All Class Reunion held in September of 2006 saw over 120 alumni and guests gather at the Moana Surfrider Hotel in Waikiki. At the event the Association recognized Jackie Mahi Erickson ('77) as its outstanding alumna for 2006-07, and Dean Avi Soifer recognized the Honorable Alexa Fujise ('80) for her long and unwavering support for the Law School and accomplishments in and contributions to the legal profession. This year, with the help of Greg Lui-Kwan ('82) and Debbie Lee ('82) we are planning an even bigger and better reunion, set for Friday, September 28, 2007 at the Willows. We hope to see you all there.

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In April 2007, the Alumni Association hosted a wonderful Graduating Class Dinner due to the hard work of Levi Hookano ('06) and Trisha Nakamura ('06). Over 100 students, faculty, alums and guests attended the dinner, which was held in Waikiki. Mahalo to Judge Sabrina McKenna ('82) for sharing her thoughts and experiences at the event, and for imparting her thoughtful advice to the new members of our alumni association as they go forward.

After several long years in the making, our 2007 Alumni Directory was published and distributed to members of our law school community in May. “Thank you” to our Directory Committee and the law school administration for all their hard work putting together the Directory. A special mahalo to Amy Wickick, the Law School’s Director of Career Services, and Ming Chi, the Law School’s Assistant Director of Development, for all their assistance in putting together the 2007 Directory. Thanks also to the hard work of the Directory Committee Chair Jim Williston ('78) and the rest of the Directory Committee, this directory, now in its fourth edition, was the best yet.

The Law School has also welcomed several people back as members of its administration and said farewell to another longtime supporter. In December 2006, Associate Dean Carol Mon Lee retired. Her support of the Law School and our alumni association was greatly appreciated. In recognition of all that she had done for our Law School and this association, Carol was named an honorary member of our association. The law school welcomed Dale Lee, former President of the Hawaii State Bar Association and adjunct faculty member, as its new Chief Operating Officer/Senior Advisor. We look forward to working with Dale and wish him all the best. We have already seen benefits from Dale’s tenure, as he secured a generous donation of office furniture for our School. The Law School also welcomed back alumna Cynthia Quinn ('88) as its new Director of Communications and External Relations. Cyndi’s efforts have already had notable effects, including reaching out to our neighbor island alumni at events that have been held on the Big Island, and are planned for Maui and Kauai. After a long vacancy, the Law School has also filled its Director of Development position with Jennifer Hee, who joined us in May 2007. She has done a fantastic job so far, meeting with many of our alumni and traveling with Dean Soifer and Development Associate Ming Chi ('05) to various law firms in Honolulu. It’s wonderful to welcome them all as an integral part of our Law School.

We also wish to recognize Laurie Tochiki ('80), upon her recent promotion to Associate Dean status at the Law School. Laurie has been unstinting in her devotion to the law students, and has always shared her boundless aloha with the Alumni Association...