**Law, Ethics, & Lobbying in Hawaii Seminar**
Scheduled for Morning of August 24th: Seminar is Free, But Space is Limited, So Sign Up Now!

Are you lobbying when you represent a client at a State Legislative hearing or during a meeting with a legislator? Is the rule different if you are in-house counsel for your client or your client is a nonprofit organization? Do you have to register as a lobbyist? What are the new restrictions on campaign contributions by companies with government contracts? What are your rights with respect to the presentation of oral testimony before a county council or an administrative board?

Come to our Law, Ethics and Lobbying in Hawaii Seminar and find out. The seminar is free, but there is limited seating, so please let us know you are coming by sending in the attached Seminar Flyer at page 6 of this newsletter. The Seminar will be at the State Capitol, Room 325, just an easy walk from downtown.

Our distinguished panel includes Leslie Kondo, Director of the State Office of Information Practices; Barbara U. Wong, ’03, Executive Director of the Campaign Spending Commission; and Daniel Mollway, Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission. The Seminar will be moderated by respected journalist and retired news anchor Jade Moon.

**Please send in Alumni Directory Forms**
(Even If No Changes Need To Be Made)

Approximately 700 alumni have responded to our request for Directory information. However, over 1,000 alumni have not yet responded. If you are in this latter group, please send in your form by mail, fax, or e-mail.

If no changes need to be made, just check the appropriate box and send in the form. If you have changes or would prefer other information be listed (ie., home address or P.O. box), just fill in the appropriate boxes. If you don’t want to be listed, just check that option. Finally, if you misplaced your Directory form, but the information was okay when you reviewed it earlier, simply send an email to lawcsdir@hawaii.edu telling us that your information was correct.
Alumni Association Pitches In At Habitat for Humanity Project on the Leeward Coast

Twenty-five alumni, students, and friends participated in the construction of two homes on the Leeward Coast on Saturday, July 1, 2006. One group helped clear a building site of debris and then assisted with the pouring of concrete footings for one home, which is in a flood zone. A second group contributed carpentry work on another home further along in the construction process. Both homes are being built for needy and deserving families living in Leeward Oahu.

Mahalo to Kirsha Durante, ’04 for bringing the project to the Association’s attention and for acting as a liaison between the Association and Habitat. Our thanks is also extended to Kirsha’s father, Kirk Durante who served as the on-site coordinator for the day. Kirk also is a current member of the Leeward Habitat for Humanity Board.

The following alumni, law students and friends pitched in on the project: Della Au Belatti, ’03; Shawn Benton, ’05; Kimberly Benton; Ming Chi, ’05; Linda Chow; Steve Duck, ’02; Kirsha Durante, ’04; Dennis Enomoto; Rosemary Fazio, ’78; Stuart Kaneko, ’77; Summer Kupau, ’04; Kevin Lu, Teresa Lu; Greg Lui-Kwan, ’82; Ray Marks; Mayvera Mataele; Lori Ohinata, ’90; Maura Okamoto, ’97; Julie Padron; Betty Rosenberg; Gen Tamura; Jim Williston, ’78; Keith Yamada; Mason Yamaki; and Wendy Yamamoto, ’03.

All Class Reunion Set for the Evening of Friday, September 29th;
WSRSLAA to Honor Outstanding Alumna Jackie Mahi Erickson, ’77

Sunset on Waikiki Beach — Visitors spend thousands of dollars to fly from around the world for the experience. You can have it for (almost) free!

Mark your calendars now to join the Alumni Association for our 3rd Annual All Class Reunion at the historic Sheraton Moana Surfrider Hotel on Waikiki Beach, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2006. Heavy pupus, libation, and good company will abound — you should not miss this annual event. Guests are welcome, so bring along your pals, spouse or significant other.

This year, the Alumni Association proudly recognizes as its Outstanding Alum, Vice President and General Counsel for Hawaiian Electric Co., Jackie Mahi Erickson, ’77. Jackie’s classmates, coworkers, mentees and many friends are encouraged to join the Association in recognizing Jackie for her many accomplishments.

Personalized invitations will be mailed out soon, but don’t wait until then to decide to attend. Alumni from all classes are welcome.

Furthermore, we will be especially recognizing the 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th and 25th reunion classes of 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986 and 1981. If you can serve as a contact person for your class, please contact the Association at lawalum@hawaii.edu.

Ete Bowl Scheduled for November 4, 2006:
Practices Begin in September; Players & Coaches Needed

If you are a recent (or not so recent) graduate with a yen to play or coach women’s flag football, please call Kapua Sproat ’98 (599-2436 x16) or send an e-mail to Sonja McCullen ’02 (sonjamccullen@yahoo.com) or Alison Kunishige ’03 (akunishi@yahoo.com). Practices will start at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 10th, so start jogging and give a call or show up at Kamamalu Field (between Nuuanu YMCA and the Pacific Club).

Check the Law School’s Calendar of Events and our website in October to find out the finalized date of this year’s game.
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

1980 – Best wishes to Iwalani White, who has been appointed by Governor Linda Lingle to serve as the Director of the State Department of Public Safety, subject to Senate confirmation. Iwalani has been serving as Honolulu’s Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney under Prosecutor Peter Carlisle.

1983 – Hats off to Jan Naoe Sullivan, a Pacific Business News a Pacific Business News Businesswoman of the Year Nominee for 2006. Jan is currently the Chief Operations Officer for Oceanit, an Ocean engineering firm, following careers in land use law with Takeyama & Sullivan and as the Director of Land Utilization for the City and County of Honolulu. She is also currently serving on the City’s Charter Commission.

1991 – Walter Rodby proudly announces the opening of his new office, focusing on criminal defense and civil litigation, following 14 years at the Office of the Public Defender, where he handled defense cases ranging from DUI to murder. Walter’s new office is in the Pacific Guardian Center, Makai Tower, 733 Bishop Street, Suite 2302 in Honolulu and he can be contacted at 545-5490.

1999 – Congratulations to Adam Borrello, recently recognized by Pacific Business News in its “Forty under 40” list of young business leaders on the rise. Adam, a surfer, is Director of International Licensing and Marketing for T&C Surf Designs, Hawaii, a local company which markets its products internationally.

2002 – The Sunday Star Bulletin devoted the cover page of its Business section on February 26, 2006, to Bree Kurihara’s and Jamie (Tanabe) Cheng’s conversion from land use attorneys at Imanaka Kudo & Fujimoto to owners and managers of the Elements Spa & Salon on Kapiolani Blvd., across from the Hawaii Convention Center.

New WSRSLAA Officers and Director:
Aloha to Outgoing Officers and Boardmembers

The Alumni Board is looking for an alumnus to serve as Vice President. If interested, please call President Jill Hasegawa, ‘04, at 539-0805 or e-mail the Association at lawalum@hawaii.edu.

The Association wishes to thank its retiring boardmembers: Elbridge Smith, ’77, who has served on the Alumni Board for the past six years; Scott Suzuki, ’04, for his two years of service; and Kirsha Durante, ’04, who filled the remainder of Jill’s term when Jill was elevated to Vice President last year. The Association also wishes to recognize Jim Williston, ’78, for his hard work and dedication to the Association as the 2005-2006 President.

The following will be the WSRSLAA’s officers for the coming year: President – Jill Hasegawa, ’04; V.P. – You?; Treasurer - Wendy Miki, ’00; Corresponding Secretary – Rosemary T. Fazio, ’78; and Recording Secretary – Shawn Benton, ’05.

Directors representing the Classes of 1976-1990 for two-year terms are: Robyn Au, ’80; Diane Hastert, ’78; and Jim Williston, ’78, who will join Haunani Burns, ’80; Alexa Fujise, ’80; and Stuart Kaneko ’77, who were elected last year to represent those classes.

Reelected as Directors representing the Classes of 1991 - 2005 for two-year terms are: Lori Hiraoka, ’00; Steve Duck, ’03; and Jody Kaulukukui, ’98. They join Della Au Belatti, ’03; Summer Kupau, ’04, and Wendy Yamamoto, ’03, who were elected in 2005 to represent those classes.

We also welcome to the Board the Dean’s Class of 2006 appointees: Levi Hookano and Trisha Nakamura. They join the Dean’s 2005 appointees, Ming Chi and Malia Schreck.
### Second Annual Food & Winetasting Extravaganza a Success!

With over 100 people in attendance, this year's Food & Winetasting Fundraiser was an unqualified success. With the assistance of alumnus Gordon Arakaki, '79, and Plaza Club manager Dulce Saunders, the Plaza Club was the perfect venue for downtown alumni and friends to relax and enjoy the tasty wine and food.

A wide selection of wines were graciously provided by John Romero of Southern Wine & Spirits of Hawaii, Gordon Arakaki, Michael Kido, and James Williston.

### Alumni Recognized for their Service to Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii (VLSH)

VLSH recently recognized a number of Law School alumni for their dedication to providing volunteer legal services to those in need. Shannon Wack, '90, and Isaac Keahi Smith, '82, both received “Honorable Mention” for the “Spirit of VLSH Award.”

Shannon has donated nearly 300 hours of pro bono legal services over the past five years, and Isaac has donated over 370 pro bono hours during the same period. Both Shannon and Isaac have conducted numerous legal clinics for VLSH. Mahalo also to the following alumni who each donated over 50 hours of pro bono time to VLSH in 2005: Philip Doi, '78, Naomi Hirayasu, '81, Dyan Medeiros, '96, Ellen Politano, '80, and Elbridge Smith, '77.

### LAW SCHOOL REPORT:

#### National Recognition for Environmental Law Program & Casey Jarman Endowed Scholarship Is Established

The Environmental Law Program (ELP) is being recognized at the ABA’s annual meeting in Honolulu for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy. Additionally, the ELP’s Director, Professor Denise Antolini, was recently named a recipient of the UH Regents’ Excellence in Teaching Award. Congratulations to Denise and the ELP!

At its annual Pa`ina, the ELP surprised former program director Casey Jarman with an endowed scholarship in her name. There are two simple ways to make a donation to the new scholarship fund:

1. Write a check to: UH Foundation, with a memo line reading: "Law School - Jarman Environmental Law Scholarship Endowment" and mail it to P.O. BOX 11270 Honolulu, HI 96828; or

2. Check the ELP web site home page (www.hawaii.edu/elp), then go to the story about the endowment and click on “mail” to download a form to send to the U.H. Foundation.

#### Law School Facelift & Library Expansion

The Law School is bursting at its seams, having added, since its construction in the early 1980s, a number of new faculty members and programs, including an International LL.M. program, a summer school program, a Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, an Environmental Law Program and a pro bono program. The Law Library is also nearing capacity, with a lack of shelf space for its collection and adequate space for technology-based legal research media and equipment.

After a year-and-a-half of internal discussion and deliberation spearheaded by Professor Denise Antolini and Professor and Law Librarian Lei Seeger, the Law School received upper campus support for a plan to expand the Law School’s facilities, principally its library, which had been built with the possibility of a second floor in mind. Our mahalo also to the Legislature, which recently approved planning monies to get the project rolling. The expansion will need a blend of public and private support for construction over the coming years and the Dean and we will be up-dating you periodically on the progress of these plans.
DEAN’S MESSAGE

Dear Alumni:

The world often seems deeply troubled these days, but we still have multiple reasons to be grateful and hopeful about the future. There is a very strong basis for great hope embodied in our students, for example, who are remarkable in their accomplishments, abilities, kindness, and commitment to learning the craft of lawyering and to the pursuit of justice. Similarly, it is hardly a surprise that our alumni demonstrate over and over again why anyone who encounters members of the extended Law School community comes away impressed as well as optimistic about the years ahead.

It is striking how many of you are being recognized with prestigious awards, appointments, and other professional accomplishments. It is also noteworthy that such a large delegation of our alumni gave up a Saturday to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Yet it is the unsung successes, and the ability to maintain the appropriate balance among professional, communal, and personal lives that makes WSRSL alumni such vital contributors to the common good on local, national, and international levels.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of the ABA, the successes of our alumni, faculty, and students will be greatly in evidence. Our Environmental Law Program will receive the annual national institutional award from the Environmental Law Section for its outstanding work, for example, and Professor David Callies will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the State and Local Government Law Section. At the same time, Professor Eric Yamamoto and the late Professor Chris Iijima will be honored for distinguished service at the JACL annual dinner on August 4. All this only serves to underscore how effectively our own WSRSL ecological system links so many together in shared accomplishment, and in our ongoing commitment to a better world. As Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. once put it: “We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.”

Mahalo!

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Law, Ethics & Lobbying in Hawaii

An Essential Two-Hour Seminar for Lawyers, Lobbyists and Community Members

9 a.m. – 11 a.m., August 24, 2006
State Capitol Conference Room 329

Guest Emcee: Jade Moon
Speakers: Leslie H. Kondo, Esq.
Director, State of Hawaii
Office of Information Practices

Barbara U. Wong, Esq.
Executive Director, State of Hawaii
Campaign Spending Commission

Daniel J. Mollway
Executive Director, Hawaii State
Ethics Commission

Seating is Limited. R.S.V.P. by Aug. 17, 2006 to WSRSLAA
P. O. Box 952 Honolulu, Hawaii 96808 or by fax to (808) 523-3712.
This program is offered at no charge.
Questions? Contact: Melissa Pavlicek at (808) 523-3695

Name of person(s) attending:

Address/Telephone:
Deputy Public Defender Todd Watanabe, ‘90

The Office of the Public Defender was stunned on May 19th by the sudden death of long-time friend and Deputy Public Defender Todd Akihiro Watanabe. Todd was born in Wahiawa, but grew up Waipahu, where he was living when he died so prematurely at the age of 44.

Before attending the Richardson Law School, Todd received a Bachelor’s Degree in broadcast communications at Pepperdine University in California. Todd is survived by his mother, Jean M. Watanabe, and his sisters Charlijean A. Watanabe Taniguchi, Lori K. Kanaeholo and Lilinoe F. Watanabe.

A memorial service for Todd was held on June 1, 2006 at Mililani Memorial Park, presided over by the Reverend Toyokazu Hagio of the Waipahu Hongwanji Mission. Remembrances of Todd were shared by Public Defender John Tonaki and Deputy Public Defender Darcia Forester ‘95.