Launch-a-Lawyer is Successfully Launched

One of Dean Soifer's first initiatives as Dean was to establish a “Launch-a-Lawyer” program pairing Richardson Law School students with alumni and other Oahu attorneys. The goal of the program is to provide law students, who may not personally know any attorneys, with information about, and a friend in, the practice of law in Hawaii.

First, students were paired with attorneys at receptions sponsored by the Law School at the Richards St. YWCA (for 2L and 3L’s) and at the Law School (for 1L’s). Then the paired students and attorneys scheduled a breakfast or lunch meeting or meetings at their convenience. The Association has been informed that every law student wishing to participate was paired with an attorney.

Thanks to all alumni and the other Oahu attorneys who participated in the program and to Amy Ono (’00), the Law School’s Director of Career Services, for her efforts in recruiting attorneys and putting the receptions together.

Lecture Series—Forbidden Conversations about Education: Race, Privacy, and Community.

The Law School is hosting a lecture series entitled “Forbidden Conversations about Education: Race, Privacy, and Community,” to be presented by visiting scholar Prof. Charles R. Lawrence, III, of the Georgetown Law Center. The lectures are being held at the Law School at 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 19th, March 19th and April 8, 2004. The March 19th and April 8th lectures will be titled: “Who is the Child Left Behind?: The Racial Meaning of the New School Reform” and “The Poor Still Pay More: Charters, Vouchers, Educational Management Organizations and the Illusion of Choice,” respectively.

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Nearly 800 alumni and friends of the Law School gathered at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom on September 13, 2003 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Law School’s 1973 opening, Dean Larry Foster’s return to the faculty, and to welcome incoming Dean Aviam Soifer to the Law School community. The event also served as a special reunion opportunity for the Classes of 1976, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and 1998. Roughly 400 alumni attended, including representatives from every graduating class, with several alums flying in from the neighbor islands and the mainland for the gala occasion.

In addition, all of the deans who have served the Law School, except the first (David Hood), and Marvin Anderson, who has passed away, joined in the nostalgia-filled event. Former Dean Jeremy Harrison flew in from Michigan and former Dean Clifford Thompson flew in from Indonesia to attend.

Alumni, friends, faculty, administrators, and students of the Law School gathered to catch up on news, share stories and reminisce. Memories were tickled by picture boards displaying blow-ups of each entering class’ pictures and by TVs running a video with gazillions of pictures depicting School history. Kudos to Associate Dean Carol Mon Lee and Steve Okumura (’77) for sorting through, selecting and scanning the pictures for the video, and thanks to the alums who responded to our call for photos.

The contributions of the Law School’s many talented alumni made the event one to be remembered. Pre-dinner music was provided by the William S. Richardson All-Star Band composed of alumni James M.K. Stone (‘88), Bruce K. Campbell (‘86), Richard Bissen (‘86) and Lyle Hosoda (‘85). The guests were called to their tables by an ‘Oli performed by alumnus Brandon Kekoa “Koa” Paredes (‘00) and a beautiful rendition of “The Queen’s Prayer” performed by alumna Lane Hornfeck (‘98). The sumptuous seven-course Chinese dinner was accompanied by the smooth jazz stylings of “Jazz Objection,” which includes vocalist Lane Hornfeck and Thomas Chun, Keith Hiraoka and Rocky Holmes.

Following dinner there was a short program emceed by alumni Marilyn Moniz-Kahoolanohano (’79) and Shawn Ching (’03). The program included the presentation of a gift to Dean Emeritus Foster from the Board of the Friends of the Law School, and an announcement that the event had raised over $50,000 to endow a scholarship in Larry’s name for the Editor-in-Chief of the Law School’s Asian-Pacific Law and Policy Journal. There followed a short, emotional “mahalo” from Larry to the Law School community and brief inspirational remarks by Dean Soifer. The Dean thanked Larry for his committed service to the Law School during a “long and critical era” in which our Law School has become known for “our generosity of spirit, our rigorous educational program, and our strikingly diverse backgrounds and perspectives, as well as for our ongoing service to Hawaii, the nation, and, indeed across the world.”

The formal program ended with hula performed by the Law School’s Halau Kaleipau-pua‘enaikala and the joining of hands around the room for “Hawaii Aloha.” Mahalo to kumu hula Koa Paredes and halau members Cat Awakuni (‘98), Belinda Hall (’99), Casey Jarman, Lei Seeger, and Arleen Watanabe (‘98) for their performance.

Thanks to the Event’s Honorary Co-chairs (William S. Richardson, Beadie Dawson (‘81), and Frank Boas) and our hard-working Dinner Committee: Lissa Andrews (‘83), Norm Cheng (‘02), Jill Clapes, Doug Codiga (‘94), John Egan (‘00), David Forman (‘93), Desiree Hikida Mokuohai (‘02), Lea Hong (‘91), Douglas Janes, Jodi Kimura (‘95), Garrick Lau (‘01), Carol M on Lee, Cathy Levinson, Lily Ling (‘88), Steve Okumura (‘77), Rosie

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Alumnae Bruzers Win Ete Bowl XXVI by an 8 to 1 TD Margin
Haunani Burns Inaugurated Into Hall of Fame

After 2002’s knock down, drag out 7 touchdowns to 6 superbrawl, the Bruzers were not about to take the Law School Etes lightly in 2003. The Bruzers practiced more diligently for the 2003 game and were bolstered by a number of youthful recruits and a timely island visit from Hall-of-Fame receiver Dora Dome (’96). On the other side, the Etes were hampered by injuries to and the absence of some of the players who had been key to their 2002 success. The following is a brief description of the game. A play-by-play description may be found on the Association’s website.

In the first half, quarterback Jill Nunokawa (’88) completed three touchdown passes to Dome and one to former Ete QB Le’a Kanehe (’01), recently returned from an educational stint in California. Traci Morita (’03) (one of the Etes’ 2002 QB’s) ended the first half scoring with a two-yard TD dive to give the Bruzers a 5 to 1 TD lead.

In the second half, both defenses stiffened, but the Bruzers were able to add three TD’s, one on a sweep by Elise Tsugawa (’00), one on a pass to Dome, and the third on a 60-yard hitch-and-pitch from Nunokawa, to Kanehe, to Kapua Sproat (’98). The game ended with the Bruzers leading 8 TD’s to 1 but the score was not indicative of the spirit shown by the Etes.

Following the game, all the players and coaches were treated to a sumptuous plate lunch spread put out by the Etes as the players and coaches from both teams mingled and chatted about the game.

The Bruzers welcomed to the team this year: Della Au Belatti (’03)(DE), Alison Kunishige (’03) (DT), Traci Morita (RB/WR), Michelle Puu (’03)(TE), Carrie Ann Shirotta (’99)(OG), and new Coach David Cheng. A full roster of Bruzer players, coaches and managers is available on the Association’s website.

The Bruzers would like to thank their coaches and team managers for their help in preparing for and during the game. Bruzer head manager, Haunani Burns (’80), was also inducted into the Ete Bowl Hall-of-Fame this year. Haunani, a long-time Deputy Attorney General, had been a fiercely competitive linebacker during her 10+ years as an Ete and a Bruzer and has continued to help the team as one of its managers ever since (head manager over the past three years). Special thanks to team coordinators Sharon Nishi (’87) and Lei Medeiros who coordinated practices and uniforms.

Alumni & Friends Participate in Law School’s Career Day

The Law School held its annual Career Day on Saturday, January 21, 2004. The event involved three panels composed of alumni and friends of the Law School in the morning, a luncheon presentation on business etiquette and networking skills, and mock interviews for the law students in the afternoon.

Thanks to Leila Rothwell Sullivan (’01)(Case, Bigelow & Lombardi), Sheree Nitta Stewart (’02)(Cades Schutte), and Regan Iwao (’00) (Goodsill Anderson et al.) who served as the large firm panel; to Steve Duck (’02) (Legal Aid Society of Hawaii), Irene Vasey (’93) (Formerly of Legal Services for Children and now in private practice) and Shawna Sodersten (’91) (Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline) who served as the nonprofit/public interest panel; and to Jonathan Lopaka Inclong (’00) (Formerly in a small firm and now a sole practitioner) and Heather Stanton Moretzsohn (’99) (Stanton Clay et al.) who served as the small- to medium-sized firm panel. Thanks to Leila, Heather and Irene for also serving as mock interviewers, along with mock interviewers Sheri-Ann Lau (’01) and Assistant Dean Laurie Tochiki (’80).
**ALUMNI TIDBITS**

1979 – Faye Watanabe Kurren was recently named as President and CEO of the 567,000-member Hawaii Dental Service, effective Sept. 3, 2003. Congratulations to Faye.

1980 – Prof. Mari Matsuda was recently named Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year by the Hawaii Women Lawyers. Our congratulations to Prof. Matsuda, who is visiting the Law School this year, on loan from the Georgetown Law Center. It is also our pleasure to announce that our Treasurer, Judith Sterling of Sterling & Tucker, was recently designated a certified elder law attorney by the ABA-accredited National Elder Law Foundation and the Hawai‘i Supreme Court.

1987 – Best wishes to Ronald D.S. Lau on the opening of his new law office in the Dillingham Transportation Bldg. Ronald served as a child support enforcement administrative hearings officer for the Dept. of the Attorney General for over 14 years and is focusing his practice in the area of family law, wills and trusts.

1988 – Congrats to James M.K. Stone, Jr., upon his election as president of the Hawaii Music Foundation for the 2003-04 year, and hats off to Tracey Wiltgen, Executive Director of the Mediation Center of the Pacific, upon her receipt of the Hawaii Women’s Legal Foundation’s Rhoda Lewis Award for Public Service for her leadership in the area of DPR.

1990 -- Linda Paul was recently selected as the Conservation member of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Committee. Thanks, Linda, for your public service.

1990 & 92 – Hats off to R. Laree McGuire (‘90) and Donna Yamamoto (‘92) upon their joining Brooks Tom Porter & Quitiquit as partners.

1991 & 92 -- Our best to Jacqueline Amai (‘92) and Lynn Costales (‘91) upon becoming shareholders and officers in the Henderson Gallagher & Kane firm.

1996 – Congratulations to Stacia Silva and Robert Nakatsuji on the birth of their son, Maxwell Jack Nobuo Nakatsuji, on August 10, 2003 at Kaiser Moanalua. Stacia is still working part-time at Legal Aid in Honolulu, while Robert recently joined the Stirling & Kleintop law firm.

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**LAW SCHOOL & FACULTY FACTS**

The Law School’s team recently finished among the top four teams in the world at the International Environmental Moot Court competition held at Stetson University, Fla. In preliminary rounds, the team defeated those from Pepperdine U. and the U. of Maryland in addition to top teams from Australia and New Zealand. This year’s topic was a dispute between two fictional countries over driftnet fishing on the high seas.

Professor Randy Roth has returned to the Law School faculty after having served a year as the Chief Policy Advisor to Hawaiian Governor Linda Lingle. Randy will continue to provide the governor with advice on public educational policy.

Congratulations to Prof. Virginia Hench who was recently elected to the American Law Institute. She is only the eighth member elected from Hawai‘i. ALI is the group that publishes the various Restatements of the Law.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

**18th Annual**

**Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament**

Scheduled for Friday, May 21, 2004

at Hawaii Prince Golf Club

The Alumni Association’s 18th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament will be held at the beautiful, Hawaii Prince Golf Club in Ewa on Friday, May 21st, 2004. The shotgun start is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Last year’s prime rib buffet was a huge hit, so we return to Ewa for this year’s tourney and banquet. Please mark the date and time on your calendar—no deposits or client meetings on May 21st. Neighbor Island golfers please note that the tournament is on a Friday, so build it into a three-day Oahu weekend.

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Alumni Take Active Roles in the Hawaii State Bar Association

A number of Richardson Law School alumni were recently elected by their peers to positions of responsibility in the Hawaii Bar Association. Jodi Kimura ('95) was elected Treasurer of the H SBA, while Alfred Castillo, Jr. ('81) (Kauai), Tom Crowley ('76), and Suzanne Terada ('80) were elected to the HSBA Board. Three Richardson alumni were also elected to the HSBA Young Lawyers' Division Board—Kekualohia M. Beamer ('94), Jefferson R. Malate ('00) (East Hawaii), and Cindy Young ('00) (Maui).

The Bar Association honored alum Steve Chow ('81) with the Association's Justice Award at its 2003 annual meeting.

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Summers, Jim Williston ('78) and Trudy Wong. Mahalos also to Derwin Hayashi ('82) of Derwin Hayashi Photography for taking pictures throughout the event and special photos of the special anniversary classes.

Finally, thanks to all of the alumni and friends of the Law School who purchased tables for the dinner, particularly those who purchased the Maile ($3,000) and Ginger ($2,000) sponsorship tables. As listed in the Dinner Program, these donors were: Maile—the Alston Hunt, Cades Schutte, Carlsmith Ball, Chun Kerr, Dwyer Schraff, and Watanabe Ing law firms and Gary Galiher ('77), Frank Boas and C.J. William S. Richardson; Ginger—the Cronin Fried, McCroiston Miller, and Suemori & Aipa firms, and Westlaw/Thomson West. (Please forgive us if we left anyone out who purchased a premium table after the Program was printed.)

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“Move over” Firefoxes, Emily Gardner’s dog, Toby, was selected from over 800 applicants to be Mr. October in the Hawaiian Humane Society’s 2004 calendar. Toby also volunteers two days a month to visit St. Francis Hospital patients.

1997 – Our congratulations to Kent Morihara upon his becoming a partner in Oshima Chun Fong & Chung and to Alika Piper upon her becoming a shareholder and director in the Gelber Gelber Ingersoll & Klevansky firm.

1999 – Hearty congratulations to Kai Wang, an associate with the Carlsmith Ball firm, who recently wed Boyce R. Brown, III (not to be confused with adjunct law professor Boyce R. Brown, Jr.) in August 2003 at a tropical jungle estate in a bi-cultural ceremony administered by the King, Elvis.