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Reminder: Association's Annual Meeting to be Held After Work on Friday, June 17th at Murphy's Downtown

Calling all alums! Come to the Alumni Association's 2005 annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 17th 2005 at Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St. in Downtown Honolulu. Early birds (4:30-5:30) can nab some pau hana refreshment and catch up on Law School happenings with old friends and Law School representatives. Pupu will be served; no host bar available. All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend. If you'd like to add an item to the agenda, contact any WSRSLAA Officer, or e-mail us at lawalum@hawaii.edu.

The 2005 Meeting Agenda:

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| 1. Call to Order | 5. Dean's Report |
| 2. Approval of 2004 Annual Meeting Minutes | 6. Old Business |
| 3. President's Report | 7. New Business |
| 4. Treasurer's Report | 8. Election Results |
| | 9. Adjournment |

By-Law Amendment Proposed

On the reverse side of the enclosed Wine Tasting flyer is a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Association. The amendment would separate the current Secretary position on the Board into two positions—"Recording Secretary" and "Corresponding Secretary." With the increase in the size of the Law School's alumni base by nearly 100 new alumni each year, the correspondence handled by the Secretary has increased significantly over the years. Under the proposed amendment, the Corresponding Secretary would handle the Association's correspondence (including dues transmittals), while the Recording Secretary would take minutes at the meetings of the Association's Board and membership and maintain By-Laws of the Association.

This amendment will be voted on by the Association's membership at the Annual Meeting on June 17th.

Hawai`i Filipino Lawyers Association Elects New Officers and Welcomes 2000-2004 Bar Admittees and Law Students

On March 30, 2005, the Hawai`i Filipino Lawyers Association (HFLA) hosted an evening reception to welcome 2000-2004 admittees to the Hawai`i bar, along with student members of the WSRSL Filipino Law Student Association (FLSA). At the elegant setting of downtown Honolulu's Plaza Club, the HFLA and 2004 HFLA President Pablo Quiban,

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Class of 2005 Graduation Dinner: A Good Time Had By All

On Thursday, April 21, 2005, with a gorgeous sunset and ocean breezes to mark the perfect spring evening, the Alumni Association celebrated the Class of 2005 Graduation Dinner at the Waikiki Aquarium. The event welcomed the graduating class into the ranks of the WSRSL alumni family and celebrated the many achievements of the class. In addition, special recognition was given to the Class of 1980, celebrating its 25th Anniversary.

Over 125 graduates, faculty, alumni, friends, and family enjoyed the evening's festivities, which included great food, music, and a short program. In continuing the tradition established two years ago, an alumnus was selected to address the students and to deliver some "words of wisdom." As this year's speaker, Intermediate Court of Appeals Judge Alexa Fujise, '80, delivered an inspiring speech to the class, urging them to begin making a commitment to public service now, at the start of their careers. In addition, the graduating class selected Professor Hazel Beh '91, who wonderfully recapped the past three years and reminded the graduates of the great memories they will take with them as they begin their legal careers.

As the evening wound down, members of the Class of 2005 regaled the audience with humorous awards presentations that summed up the past three years. The law school will surely miss this class. Thanks to event coordinator Jill Hasegawa '04 for organizing the event, to Della Au Belatti '03 who provided wonderful guidance, and to the Alumni Board and Dean Avi Soifer for their continued support of this event. A special thanks to Haunani Burns, '80, for organizing the Class of 1980's participation in the night's festivities.

Class of '95 Pau Hana Reunion

The Class of 1995 is planning a pau hana get-together to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their graduation. Information on the reunion is as follows:

DATE: Friday, June 10
 TIME: 5:00 P.M. -
 LOCATION: MURPHY'S (corner of Nuuanu and Merchant)
 QUESTIONS: Contact Jodi Kimura - 537-6119 or
 jodi.kimura@hawadvocate.com

Purchase your tickets now for the First Annual
 WSRSLAA Wine Tasting Fundraiser!

All-you-can-eat Ono grinds from Philip Paolo
 and a wide selection of wines to choose from!



Support your Alumni Association!

See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter for more information .

MEMBERSHIP AND ALUMNI INFORMATION UP-DATE FORM

(SEND TO WSRSLAA P.O. BOX 952 HONOLULU, HI 96808)
 (IF ENCLOSING \$20 DUES CHECK, MAKE PAYABLE TO "WSRSLAA")

NAME: _____ CLASS OF: _____

CONTACT ADDRESS _____

PHONE/FAX: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

FIRM/AGENCY/COMPANY _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
 (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

Mark Your Calendars Now: The 2005 WSRSLAA All-Class Reunion is Set

The Second Annual All-Class Reunion is set for Friday, September 23, 2005 at the Sheraton Moana Surf-rider Hotel. As always, the evening promises to be a wonderful event, with great food, music, and a gorgeous setting.

With over 140 alumni and guests in attendance last year, the committee plans to make this event even bigger and better. This year's Reunion recognizes the 30th Anniversary of the Law School's vital and innovative Pre-Admission program and the 25th, 20th, 15th, 10th, and 5th reunion years for the Classes of 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, and 2000. In addition, the Association will award the 2005 Outstanding Law Alumni Award. Please see the attached flyer for more details about the Outstanding Alumni Award. The Nomination deadline for the Outstanding Alumni Award is July 18, 2005.

If you have any questions about the All-Class Reunion, or would like to participate in the planning of the Reunion, please contact Della Au Belatti '03 at lawalum@hawaii.edu.

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.

1979 - Our kudos to retired Third Circuit Court Judge Riki Amano upon being named the President/Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. Judge Amano has served on the Board of the Center since July of 2004.

1981 - Mahalo to Naomi Hirayasu, recently spotlighted by Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii in its newsletter, for her extensive help to VLSH, through its Ala Kuola program to help victims of domestic violence, and by providing family law clinics in both Honolulu and Waimanalo.

1990 - Congratulations to Edwin C. Nacino, who was recently confirmed by the Senate to serve as a District Court Judge for the First Circuit. Ed previously served as a Deputy Corporation Counsel in Honolulu and had most recently worked with the law firm of Roeca Louie & Hiraoka.

2001 - Le`a Malia Kanehe recently co-published a chapter in "The Catch: Perspectives on Benefit Sharing," which examines the Convention on Biological Diversity's proposal for an international regime on access to genetic resources. Le`a's chapter, entitled: "The BS in Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS): Critical Questions for Indigenous Peoples," evaluates developments in international human rights law for indigenous peoples, and can be accessed on-line at www.ipcb.org.

2003 - Congratulations to Della and Michael Belatti on the birth of their daughter, Emma Hoi Yee Belatti (6 lbs. 8.8 oz.), on Sunday, May 15th.

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'88, greeted over 75 people including special guests Hawai`i Supreme Court Associate Justice Simeon Acoba, Jr., former Governor Benjamin Cayetano, Retired Chief Justice William S. Richardson, Circuit Court Judge Reynaldo Gaulty, '79, District Court Judge Clarence Pacarro, Public Utilities Commission Chair Carlito Caliboso, '91, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Director Nelson Befitel, HSBA President Richard Turbin, HSBA Executive Director Lyn Flanagan, '81, and Edwin Nacino, '90, recently confirmed District Court Judge.

Following the introduction of bar admittees and FLSA students, keynote speaker Justice Acoba addressed the gathering. Justice Acoba's remarks touched on recent statistics reflecting the number and percentage of attorneys with Filipino backgrounds admitted to the Hawai`i bar, the current number of judges of Filipino ancestry currently serving on the Hawai`i judicial bench, and the value of having people of diverse experiences and viewpoints in the profession as attorneys or judges.

After a night of good music, tasty food, and great company, the reception concluded with the election and installation of HFLA's 2005 officers and directors. Among the new officers are several WSRSL alumni including President William Domingo, '85, First Vice President Jocelyn Abanes, '90, Director Jamesner Dumlaog, '98 and Director David Forman, '93.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS
OF THE WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

By-Law language to be deleted is bracketed and new By-Law language is underscored.

1. Article III ("ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS"), Section 5 ("Election"), of the By-Laws is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) Officer Positions. Except when Section 8 of this article applies, the candidates for the offices of president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer receiving the most votes shall be elected to their respective positions."

2. Article VII ("OFFICERS") of the By-Laws is amended by amending Sections 1 and 4 thereof to read as follows:

"Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer."

"Section 4. The recording secretary shall keep accurate records of the meetings of the membership and of the directors, including the agendas and minutes of these meetings, and of all By-Law amendments and shall authenticate the records of the Association. The corresponding secretary shall keep the remaining records of the Association, preserve all additional books, documents and communications, and keep an accurate record of the [meetings of the] membership [and directors] of the Association. The corresponding secretary shall also conduct the correspondence of the Association."

3. The By-Laws are amended by adding a new Article XII to read as follows:

"ARTICLE XII. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Upon the approval of the By-Law amendment proposed to the members of the Association in 2005 relating to the creation of the positions of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary, the person elected by the membership to serve as the Association's Secretary for the 2005-06 term shall assume the role of Recording Secretary, and the President shall appoint a Corresponding Secretary, subject to the approval of the Board. For all following years the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary shall be elected in accordance with Article VII."