



Fall 2017 Newsletter



Aloha, and mahalo for the opportunity and privilege to serve as your 2017-2018 President! I am looking forward to a productive year, and am excited about our energetic board that will carry us through this year. Coming off our annual board retreat in July, the board discussed many new ideas to expand and improve on HWL activities including community outreach, mentoring/networking, publicity, and judicial equity.

We are excited to kick off a busy new year with announcements on a new rainmaking program, a pau hana with members of the Judicial Selection Commission, our first "Power Lunch with HWL" in October which will feature Judge Rupa Goswami, and a talk story session on the Hawaii v. Trump case. In addition, we have been listing new job postings on our Facebook page, and are starting a new LinkedIn page this year. More

announcements will follow, so keep an eye out for e-mails from us, and please join us on Facebook and LinkedIn if you aren't already connected!

Although it is still far off, it is also never too soon to start thinking about our annual awards dinner which will be mid-April of next year. Please keep your eyes out for the extraordinary women in our community that we can honor for their service and accomplishments. For more details about our awards categories, please visit hawaiiwomenlawyers.org.

With all that is happening in the national news these days, I am continually reminded that, while we have made significant progress on women's legal and social issues, there is still much work to be done further our mission to enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all. I look forward to working with all of you on continuing to make HWL an organization that pushes forward on the critical social justice issues we face today.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at hawaiiwomenlawyers@gmail.com with your ideas, comments and questions. As we rely on the strength and participation of our HWL members, I ask that you join me in making this a great year!

- Mihoko Ito, HWL Board President



Congratulations to Judge Leslie Hayashi for being elected to a three-year term to the Board of Trustees to the National Judicial College! Her term started in August 2017. She is the first person from Hawaii to be elected to serve in this position. If anyone is interested in teaching at the National Judicial College, please let HWL know! More information is available at: <http://www.judges.org/>

Upcoming Events!

...Save the Date...

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Pau Hana with Members of the Judicial Selection Commission

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Ashford & Wriston, First Hawaiian Center, 17th Floor (Conference Room)

Cost: FREE!

Light Pupus & Beverages Provided

The Commission will present an overview of the process and respond to questions. This is a rare opportunity to meet some of the individuals who review and evaluate applications for all judicial vacancies in the state and participate in the selection of qualified nominees.

Please register at hawaiiwomenlawyers.wildapricot.org

Please send questions to kristine.yoo@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 12, 2017!

Saturday September 23, 2017

Hawaii Women Legal Foundation's 27th Annual Fundraiser

"International Intrigue at the Embassy Ball: Get Smart with Jane Bond"

Time: 5:30pm - 10:00pm

Location: Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom

Enjoy a show full of local legal, community, and business stars! You won't want to miss this year's live on-stage program, filled with plot twists and turns, intrigue and surprises! Imbibe, shop, eat, laugh, and dance, knowing that all that legal fun contributes (100%) to extremely worthy local grassroots organizations that accomplish vital work...

Attire: 007 inspired attire is welcome!

For more information on how to buy tables, individual tickets, and to donate to the silent auction, please go to www.hwlf.org/fundraiser/

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Brown Bag: Judge Rupa Goswami

Topic: Gender Diversity on the Bench

Time: 12:00pm - 1:15pm

Location: Ashford & Wriston, First Hawaiian Center, 17th Floor (Conference Room)

Keep an eye out for more information in your email inboxes as the event gets closer!

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Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Brown Bag: Deputy Attorney General Deirdre Marie-Iha

Topic: Hawaii vs. Trump ("The Travel Ban" Case)

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Location: Ashford & Wriston, First Hawaiian Center, 17th Floor (Conference Room)

Cost: FREE!

Ms. Marie-Iha, along with Attorney General Doug Chin, other deputy attorneys general, and outside counsel at Hogan Lovells, including former Acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal, represent Hawaii and plaintiff Ismail Elshikh in the case, *Hawaii v. Trump*, otherwise known as the "travel ban" case. Issues in the case include (1) whether respondents' challenge to the temporary suspension of entry of aliens abroad under Section 2(c) of Executive Order No. 13,780 is justiciable; (2) whether Section 2(c)'s temporary suspension of entry violates the Establishment Clause; (3) whether the global injunction, which rests on alleged injury to a single individual plaintiff, is impermissibly overbroad; and (4) whether the challenges to Section 2(c) became moot on June 14, 2017. Most recently, the Ninth Circuit affirmed a decision that broadened the definition of which "extended" family members may enter the United States under President Trump's travel ban affecting nationals of many Muslim-majority countries. Ms. Marie-Iha will discuss the origin of the case, her role in the litigation, the case's procedural background, and the United State's Supreme Court's oral argument on October 10, 2017, which she will attend.

Keep an eye out for more information in your email inboxes as the event gets closer!

Monday, November 13, 2017

Brown Bag: Ellen Godbey Carson & Melissa Pavlicek

Topic: How to be a Successful Rainmaker

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Location: TBD

Cost: FREE!

Ellen's talk will focus on rainmaking training, with numerous tips on how to create and implement a successful business development plan.

Keep an eye out for more information in your email inboxes as the event gets closer!

Ellen Godbey Carson is a former President of HWL and HSBA, and a former Director of Alston Hunt Floyd and Ing.

HSBA Vice Presidential Candidate Statements

Sharon S. Lovejoy and Greg Frey



Sharon S. Lovejoy - VP Candidate



I joined Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher in March 1996 and became the firm's first woman Director later that year. I am a successful litigator who practices with a primary focus in commercial, real estate, construction and business litigation.

I've been active in the Hawaii legal community and have served as President of the Federal Bar Association in Hawaii, served a 3 year term as a lawyer delegate to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference, twice participated in the HSBA's Committee on Judicial Administration's Civil Law Forum, and have been a presenter at the Hawaii Bar Convention.

In 1921, the Women's Bar Association Co-Founder Emma Gillett, said to the ABA Section of Legal Education:

"I want to say...that the women's day is here. The women are not at the top yet. Does the road wind upward all the way? Yes, to the weary end, and women who are studying law and practicing law are not at the top yet."

Those words continue to be relevant today.

I would be honored to expand my work with the HSBA by serving as vice-president, working for each member of the Bar on issues important to them in furtherance of the goals of the Bar, including effective and timely communication to meet the needs of the interests of the diverse members of the Bar, working with the judiciary on issues to improve legal practice and service in Hawaii, continuing to help emerging lawyers understand ethical responsibilities and practice issues, and continuing efforts to make legal services available to the most underserved segments of our community.

I began practicing law in Texas, and have practiced in large firms, small firms, and as a solo practitioner. I played a major role in building Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher's litigation section from 1 lawyer to 12 lawyers, and in mentoring the firm's litigation associates, guiding them from thinking as law students toward thinking strategically as litigators. I've helped to establish the firm's culture that playing to win is not always about brow-beating the opponent into submission, but rather is to become a great advocate by developing the qualities of a leader with the negotiating skills of a great strategist, being an active listener who seeks to gain a full understanding of key issues and interests with the goal of building trust, respect and cooperation. These are qualities I strive to demonstrate in my practice.

My pro bono service includes annually volunteering with Access to Justice, and helping to establish the federal court pro bono panel program at the Hawaii U.S. District Court. I also serve as the Vice Chair of the non-profit Women's Fund of Hawaii, and sit on the Board of Directors for the Positive Coaching Alliance, Hawaii Chapter.

My legal work has been recognized by many entities including Best Lawyers in America, Chambers and Partners Leading Lawyers for Business, Benchmark Litigation's "Top 250 Women in Litigation", and Hawaii Super Lawyers. I was born in Hawaii, and grew up primarily in Texas, earning my law degree from Baylor University School of Law. I'm licensed to practice law in Hawaii, Texas, Florida, and Colorado, and several federal courts. My clients include large multi-national corporations, hospitality industry leaders, commercial lenders, small businesses and individuals.

My family includes two teenage sons, a husband (who likes motorcycles and any vehicle with a motor), and an amazing German shorthaired pointer.

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Aloha, HWL `Ohana, and “mahalo plenty” for the kind invitation forwarded on to me by your dedicated & hardworking President, Mihoko Ito, to spend a few moments with you to talk about how I might (and more importantly, certainly will) support, enhance and advance your famed organization’s important mission and focus if elected to be the next HSBA Vice-President. I appreciate and am very humbled by this opportunity.

I can hear the words and wisdom of my paternal grandmother in my mind’s eye as if spoken only moments ago... “Greg, always remember this. If you want to get something done, ask a busy person.” Almost never a day went by without my twin brother and me being mentored, counseled and guided by this great woman. Our grandmother inherited the “role” of mother not by choice, but by circumstance. Although not a pretty story, our birth mom literally dropped us off at her home on a Friday, said she’d be back on Monday, but never returned. With no one else available to care for we two “toe-headed, blue-eyed” extremely mischievous boys of about 5 years old (because our Dad was off at college), there was only our grandmother. Our stability. Our rock. Our reason for living. This is where it all started. Where my keen and absolute and unwavering respect, dependence upon and “partnership” with strong-willed, smart and efficient women was born! Here was a remarkable lady who graduated in 3 years from UCLA “back in the day” when women were never expected, if not frowned upon, to attend let alone graduate from college. I knew then, even as a rather confused keiki, that women are exceptional leaders and are damn good at it! Fortunately, ever since those tender and very sensitive years quite literally “a half-century ago,” I’ve been lucky enough to surround myself with exceptionally talented, skilled, devoted, loyal, professional, brilliant and amazing women. Quite literally, I have depended upon and clearly benefited from years of fantastic associations and linkages with amazing women, both in my professional and my personal life. Each has guided me to where I am today.

I married my college sweetheart, Mia, 6 days after graduating from law school in 1986. She quite literally supported me (both emotionally, and at times, financially) during both our college and my law school years, and quite sternly counseled me on a regular basis to do everything I needed to do to get through school, and to do it well. Thankfully, I listened to her. Later, Mia graced me with 2 exceptional daughters, 27 and 29, both now living on the mainland. Together, these 3 caring and supportive women carried on where my grandmother left off. They literally demand of me on a regular basis that I consider issues, ideas, decisions and thoughts from both gender’s points of view. So fascinated have I been re: the different ways we thought and “looked at things” from a gender perspective that years after graduating from law school, after practicing family and divorce law for years, I went back to school at my supportive wife’s urging to earn a M.A. in Psychology. This has certainly allowed me to greater appreciate the roles, contributions and successes of women throughout our 808 Island State community as well as in my own life, both personally and professionally.

As the Managing Attorney at Coates & Frey, AAL, LLLC (“C&F”), Hawaii’s largest and arguably best known Family and Divorce Law firm, established in 1996, I continue to learn from extremely accomplished women attorneys, paralegals, office managers and secretaries, and have since first going to work for Bradley A. Coates in 1990 as a Litigation Associate (for his predecessor firm, Law Offices of Bradley A. Coates). As almost everyone who knows me well can attest and verify, without my “right (and left) hand,” (C&F paralegal) Miki Tsushima, I simply couldn’t do what I need to do on a daily basis. Along the way, fantastic women lawyers at our firm such as Jessi L.K. Hall, Ann S. Isobe, Na`u A. Kamali`i, Sheila Sue Noguchi, Ellen Politano, Jo-Ann K. Takara, Kimberly Van Horn and many others have guided and helped both me and the success and stability of our long-established family law firm.

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The same is true at the HSBA level. As a 3-time elected Oahu Director to the HSBA Board, serving 6 Presidents, I have worked in numerous committees and sub-committees and served on the Board with some of the finest women attorneys there are, to include Roxann C. Bulman, Kristie Cruz Chang, Geraldine N. Hasegawa, Jill Hasegawa, Louise K.Y. Ing, Ronette M. Kawakami, Jodi Kimura Yi, Carol S. Kitaoka, Corianne Lau, Margaret Masunaga, Carol K. Muranaka, Alika L. Piper, Nicole Shimamoto, Trudy Burns Stone, Elizabeth Strance, Suzanne T. Terada, Lynne Toyofuku, not to mention HSBA Executive Directors, Coralie Chun Matayoshi and Lyn Flanigan, and directly under HSBA President, Rai Saint Chu.

My keen appreciation and close associations over the years with remarkably effective and successful women ----- since "small kid daze," in fact ----- literally makes me a "poster person" for an "I'm all in" approach to the HWL Mission Statement and vision. Quite literally, everything I do, both in my personal and professional life, supports, vaults, appreciates and give full credit to women in our profession as well as those outside the practice of law who have taught me how to be an effective team player and leader. My every experience at HSBA as well as at Coates & Frey as well as re: my service on numerous committees at Family Court as well as my volunteer service beginning "way back" at the famed "People's Law School" (started by former HSBA President, Wayne Parsons [with whom I served], and others) and continuing today with my work for Access to Justice, Mediation Center of the Pacific and Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii, has been enhanced and improved by the teamwork, insights, cooperation, collaboration and "outright hard work" of so many hardworking women. Even as a 3rd Generation Attorney (my late father was Philip S. Frey [JD776] of Cowan & Frey, AAL), I could never be where I am today without this help, guidance and counsel, all started more than "a half a century ago" by the wisdom and unconditional support of the finest person I ever knew. Mahalo to my Grandmother!

Hawaii State Bar Association

2018 elections will take place by e-mail vote, and will be sent out within the next month!

**For more information or questions, please visit HSBA at
www.hsba.org**





Would you like to foster professional growth, enhance your leadership skills, make a professional impact, and/or increase the representation of women executives in Hawaii?

Interested in nominating a friend, family member, co-worker, or even yourself, for professional recognition?

For a list of leadership training opportunities, as well as potential awards & recognition for attorneys, please check out the link below!

<http://hawaiiwomenlawyers.wildapricot.org/resources/Leadership%20Opportunities%20%20Awards%20and%20Recognition%20for%20Attorneys.pdf>

