ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **AH QUON MCELRATH**, Hawai‘i labor leader and inspirational social activist, died Thursday, December 11. She was 92. A graduate of the University of Hawai‘i, Ah Quon served on the Board of Regents from 1995 to 2003 and was a recipient of the UH Founders Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Known to her friends and associates as "AQ," she was a long-time advisor to the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I ELDER LAW PROGRAM and worked tirelessly to address issues relating to elder rights, access to healthcare and living and dying with dignity in Hawai‘i. Many will remember her stirring call to action when the Law School sponsored a showing of the KHET documentary about attorney Harriet Bouslog.

• The directors of the Sam L. Cohen Foundation have increased the amount of the SAM L. COHEN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS FOR 2009 to $15,000. This award allows two current J.D. students to do voluntary work during the summer with nongovernmental or intergovernmental organizations throughout the world involved in international human rights work.

FACULTY

• **DENISE ANTOLINI**, **DAVID CALLIES**, and **CARL CHRISTENSEN** will present at the 4th Hawai‘i Land Use Law Conference, co-sponsored by the Real Property & Financial Services Section of the HSBA and Law School, at the Ala Moana Hotel on January 15-16, 2009. For a conference schedule, please click [here](#).


• **MAXINE BURKETT**, a leading climate justice scholar, will join the Law School faculty and Environmental Law Program starting in January 2009. Maxine has been teaching at the University of Colorado School of Law since 2006. She will hold a newly-created faculty appointment at the Law School and will also serve as the inaugural Director of the new UH-Mānoa "Island Climate Center" (ICC) under the Sea Grant Program (UHM). Starting in Fall 2009,
Maxine will teach cross-listed courses at the Law School in the areas of climate change law and policy, sustainable development, critical race theory, and environmental law; she will also teach Torts in the Part-Time Program.

- **ALISON CONNER** presented two papers at conferences in Hong Kong in December. She spoke on "Legal Education and the Legal Profession in China: Enduring Influences and Disconnects" at *Legal Development in East Asia: China-Vietnam Compared*, and gave a presentation on "The Chinese Legal System in Pre-1949 Movies" at the *Law Making and Enforcement in China* conference. Both papers will be published by Routledge Press.

- **CHUCK LAWRENCE**, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Centennial Professor, will lead an interdisciplinary faculty development seminar for junior faculty members teaching and doing research and scholarship related to issues of race, gender, ethnicity, culture, poverty, community, education, and critical political or social theory. The seminar, sponsored by the College of Education, College of Social Sciences, School of Law and the Office of the Chancellor, will meet every other week and will convene during the spring and fall semesters of 2009. Interested junior faculty members may find an application here. Applications must be received on or before January 5, 2009. For more information, contact Chuck Lawrence at crli@hawaii.edu, 956-8123 or 956-7760.

- **RANDY ROTH** presented a talk to the American Law Institute (ALI) Council about his work as an Associate Reporter of the Restatement of the Law (Third), Trusts. After discussion, the Council voted unanimously to recommend approval of those sections of the Restatement at the ALI's next annual meeting.

- **ERIC YAMAMOTO** was the subject of the December 19 The Hawai‘i Herald lead story, "Recognizing a Lifetime of Social Justice Work," written by TRISHA NAKAMURA '06 and BILL HOSHIJO. They describe the Law School's November 12 celebration of Eric's "social justice work as well as the high regard and affection that his students, colleagues and the broader legal community have for him." To read the article, please see the attached .pdf.

**ADMINISTRATION**

- The Law School will take part in the Mānoa Campus pilot program, Mānoa Green Days, by significantly reducing the air conditioning in our buildings and turning off many of our lights, computers and other power-drawing equipment from December 24 through January 4, 2009. Faculty and staff will be asked to work at home during this period, and a skeleton crew will work in the Administrative Offices and will be available to respond to any emergencies.

- More than fifty prospective Part-Time Program students attended Tuesday evening’s Part-Time J.D. Program application information session. Current Part-Time Program students TONY DONNES, ANNA FERNANDEZ, AMANDA DONLIN, BRITT BAILEY, LENA MOBIN, ERIN KALOPODES, RYAN CADAY and KERRY GREEN shared their experiences with the prospective students. AVI SOIFER, HAZEL BEH, LAURIE TOCHIKI, MELISSA SKILLINGS, AMY ONO WIECKING, CYNDI QUINN, PRINCESS FREDERICKS and the STUDENT SERVICES STUDENT ASSISTANTS contributed to the session’s success.
• The ADMISSIONS OFFICE will host an information session for applicants to the Full-Time J.D. Program on December 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. Applicants interested in joining next year’s incoming class must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) no later than February 7, 2009, and must submit an application by March 1, 2009. To RSVP, please e-mail lawadm@hawaii.edu.

STUDENTS
• The LAW & BUSINESS ORGANIZATION (LBO) 2008-2009 wines, including an Australian Riesling, a Pinot Noir, and a Luna Rossa, are now available. Several bottles have been signed by Chief Justice Richardson. To purchase a bottle ($25 unsigned, $40 signed), please e-mail your name, phone number, and choice of wine to uhm.lbo@gmail.com.
• DIANE E. CHANG, a Part-Time Program Student, has joined the Mānoa Chancellor’s Office as the Director of Communications. Diane previously served as editor of Pacific Media Publishing, sister company to the Honolulu Advertiser. Before that, she was senior editor, editorial page editor, and columnist for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and editor of Hawai’i Business magazine. She is the president of the Rotary Club of Kahala Sunrise and the Hawai’i Women's Forum, and a mayoral appointee to the Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women.
• KALANI SLOAT ’09, JASON SAY ’10, and JESSICA TABA ’10 will compete in the 33rd Annual National Robert F. Wagner Labor & Employment Moot Court Competition at the New York Law School on March 11-15, 2009. The team, organized by PROFESSOR RON BROWN, received financial support from the Hawai’i State Bar Association Labor Committee, and several law firms and individuals as well as the Law School.

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• Volunteer to clean up the Honolulu Zoo -- but not the cages -- with the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will be treated to a behind-the-scenes look at the Zoo. Supervised children are welcome. Bring a picnic lunch! Please RSVP to JILL HASEGAWA ’04, lawalum@hawaii.edu or (808) 539-0805.
• ALICIA M. LEONHARD ’93 has been appointed Assistant United States Trustee for the Eastern District of New York. The Department of Justice's Trustee Program oversees the administration of cases filed under Chapters 7, 11, 12, 13 and 15 and enforces bankruptcy laws.

CORRECTION
• The new Law Review editorial board members are members of the Class of ’10, not ’08 as reported in our last issue.

REMINDER
• The Ke Kula Kānāwai is published during the academic year. Look for the next issue on January 30, 2009.
Ke Kula Kānāwai is the Law School’s weekly newsletter consisting of announcements, notices and news. It is published during the academic year. Please e-mail submissions for the next Ke Kula Kānāwai to esteele@hawaii.edu before Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Please include “Ke Kula” in the subject line. Mahalo!