Pau Hana Annual Meeting
5:00 p.m. Friday, June 27th at the Plaza Club Downtown.

Calling all Richardson Law alumni—you are cordially invited to attend the Association’s 2008 annual meeting at 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2008 at the Plaza Club on the 20th Floor of the Pioneer Plaza (900 Fort St. Mall) in downtown Honolulu. To add an item to the meeting agenda, contact any WSRSLAA Officer, or e-mail us at lawalum@hawaii.edu.

After our brief meeting (i.e. expected to be pau by 5:30 p.m.), join us for our Fourth Annual Food & Wine Extravaganza (see related story below).

The 2008 Annual Meeting Agenda follows:
1. Call to Order
2. Approval of 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. President’s Report
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Election Results
8. Dean’s Report (to be presented during Food & Wine Event)
9. Adjournment

Sign up for Food & Wine Extravaganza IV--Pau Hana Time (5:30 p.m.) at the Plaza Club on Friday, June 27.

Join the Association for its Fourth Annual Food & Wine Extravaganza beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2008 at the Plaza Club (20th Flr. of Pioneer Plaza at 900 Fort St. Mall in downtown Honolulu). Wine will be served only to those of legal drinking age. Impress your firm’s summer clerks by hosting them to Extravaganza IV.

Last year’s Extravaganza III was the culinary and fine wine hit of the summer, with over 80 law students, faculty members, Richardson alumni and friends in attendance. In addition to a broad variety of wines from some of Honolulu’s top wine purveyors and from around the world, heavy pupus will be served.

Tickets are only $50. Sign up by sending in the attached flyer. Questions? Send us an e-mail at lawdean@hawaii.edu (reference “Extravaganza” in your subject line) or call 956-5516.

Fifth Annual All Class Reunion on Friday, October 3
Great Company, Great Food at Hale Koa; Save the Date on Your Calendar Today.

Come one, come all, to the Alumni Association’s Fifth Annual All Class Reunion from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, Oct. 3rd. Join your classmates, coworkers and other friends for a good time in the old Waikiki ambiance of the Hale Koa Hotel on Kalia Rd. on the ewa edge of Waikiki. Members of the special reunion classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003 will be celebrating their 30th, 25th, 20th, 15th, 10th, and 5th reunions, respectively, and are especially encouraged to show up in force.

A special buffet menu is being created to tantalize your taste buds. The event will cost only $50. This year’s formal program will be kept short so you can spend more time catching up with friends.

At the dinner we will be honoring one of our many stellar alums as the “Outstanding Alum” of 2008, and Dean Soifer will be honoring another alum for his or her support for the Law School. Send in the enclosed Outstanding Alum nomination form if you would like to nominate an alum for the Association’s award. Break the Class of 1977’s three-year streak by nominating your distinguished classmate or by modestly having someone nominate you.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION/ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY STREAM CLEAN-UP

On Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to just before noon, the Richardson Law School Alumni Association and the Law School’s Environmental Law Society (ELS) partnered on a clean-up of Manoa Stream near its confluence with Palolo Stream. Mahalo to Rebecca Day-huff ('07), Nam Phan ('07), Jim Williston ('78) and four intrepid ELS students for hauling over 10 bags of garbage, some furniture parts, a shopping cart, and yes, the proverbial kitchen sink, out of the stream and its banks.

ANNUAL UH LAW BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT COMES OF AGE (21)
AT HAWAII PRINCE GOLF COURSE

It was a beautiful Ewa day (no vog, a few fluffy clouds, and a mild, cooling breeze) and 141 golfers of all skill levels took on the Hawaii Prince Golf Courses B and C on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 20, 2008 for the 21st Annual U.H. Law Benefit Golf Tournament. The field had a good mix of old-timers, with representatives from all Law School Classes from 1977-1990, and young up-and-comers, from every class since 1998 (hey—you 1991-97 grads are working way too hard.)

Before the tournament, the law student-organized Richardson Golf Association held its first annual putting contest, awarding some fabulous golf prizes, including three top-of-the-line putters. The tournament itself was in a modified 1-2 best ball format, and included a contest for not only the lowest net team score but fewest net team putts (the Nick Garcia contest). Most of the current Miss Hawaii contestants kindly joined the tournament on one of the contest holes to take pictures of (and with) the golfers.

The tournament raised approximately $5,000 for the U.H. Elder Law Program and for scholarships for law students who have demonstrated a commitment to public service.

A sumptuous tournament banquet, held at the Hawaii Prince’s Bird of Paradise restaurant, included fresh poke, fried tako, tossed salad, soy beans, chow mein, mochiko chicken, hoisin salmon, and a variety of the Hawaii Prince’s famous desserts. Mahalo to Mina Brinkopf for preparing and playing a clever PowerPoint video recap of previous years’ tournaments and of prior scholarship awardees. Thanks to Colin K. Kurata ('78) for emceeing the event and handing out some fantabulous prizes, including two special grand prizes donated in memory of Phillip F. Moon, a long-time tournament participant and friend of many of the golfers.

PROFESSOR RAMSFIELD RECEIVES BOARD OF REGENTS’ EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Law Professor Jill Ramsfield has been named a 2008 recipient of the U.H. Board of Regents’ Medal for Excellence in Teaching. This is the fifth consecutive year in which one of the Richardson Law School’s professors has been selected for this prestigious award, bestowed by the Regents on U.H. faculty members who have exhibited an extraordinary level of subject mastery and scholarship, teaching effectiveness and creativity, and personal values that benefit students.

Last year, Professor Ramsfield won the Law School’s Students’ Choice Award and was named its “Professor of the Year.” Dean Soifer stated, “I, along with all of [Professor Ramsfield’s] colleagues and law students, whole-heartedly congratulate Jill for this much-deserved award.”

In recent years Professors John Barkai ('07), Denise Antolini ('06), Eric Yamamoto ('05), Danielle Conway-Jones ('04), Chris Iijima ('01), Hazel Beh ('00) and Karen Gebbia-Pinetti ('99), have also earned the Regents’ Medal.

The tournament committee consisted of co-chairs Colin Kurata ('78), Jim Williston ('78), Jim Stone ('76) and Carter Siu ('99), and members Stuart Kaneko ('77), David Takase ('81), Harlan Kimura ('82), Sesnita Moepono ('86), Wendy Yamamoto ('02), Scott Suzuki ('04), Siue Che ('05), Ming Chi ('05), Shawn Benton ('06), Nathan Nelson ('06), Levi Hookano ('06), Richard S.K. Lee ('07), Geoff Sogi ('09), Warren Yamamoto ('09) and Amy Morton ('09). Thanks to them all for a job well done.

The following golfers were our trophy and contest winners:

- Dean's Trophy (best all-guest team) and overall low net: Randall Yamamoto, Dayle Takaoka and Kevin Oda (team net 76).
- Waimee Trophy (best all-alumni/law student team) and #2 overall low net: Michael Dahilig ('06), Damon Schmidt ('06) and Richard S.K. Lee ('07) (team net 79).
- Richardson Trophy (best mixed alumni/student and guest team and #6 overall): Harlan Kimura ('82), Marvin Fukagawa, Clinton Ching (team net 81).
- Nick Garcia Putting Contest winners (and #4 overall): Brian DeLima ('83), Craig Sadamoto ('84) & Gerald Takase ('82)(team 32 putts)
- Brinkopf Trophy (most accurate drive): Men: John Lacy; Women: Wendy Yamamoto ('03).
- Closest-to-Pin on Holes 1-3 – Men: Gordon Ito ('86) (Women: none); Closest-to-Pin on Hole C-3 – Men: Reynold Lee; and Women: Mihoko Ito.

Rounding out the top 5 teams were the team of Wendy Yamamoto ('03), Chris Chun ('03) and Kevin Morikone ('07)(#3 overall) and the team of Andy Bunn ('94), Anne Lopez ('01) and Kaleen Miyasato ('00)(#5 overall).
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WSRSL MOVES UP IN U.S. NEWS RANKING OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS MOVE OVER IVY LEaguERS

The William S. Richardson School of Law has moved up in the annual U.S. News and World Report ranking of American law schools. In this year’s survey, WSRSL ranked 82nd, the highest ranking of any small law school in the country. Law School Dean Aviam Soifer said, “Our face-to-face culture and the extraordinary ways in which our students look out for one another cannot be easily measured. In addition, these rankings are skewed against smaller schools like us. Nonetheless, we are pleased to have risen in the rankings this year and to be within the top tier of law schools.” The report noted that graduates of the Richardson School of Law continue to have one of the top 25 bar passage rates of any American law school.
CLASS OF 2008 GRADUATION DINNER AND
CLASS OF 1983’S 25TH YEAR GET TOGETHER
A BLAST

This year, the Alumni Association/Class of 2008 Graduation Dinner was held on Friday, April 18, 2008 at the Oahu Country Club. Approximately 90 members of the graduating class and 10 LL.M. program graduates dressed up in their best to join about 20 members of the Class of 1983 who were celebrating their 25th year out of Law School. Class of 1983 alumni coming in from the Neighbor Islands included Margaret Ushijima, Brian De Lima and Hon. Harriette Holt. 2004 LL.M. graduate Ellen Eichberg and her family from Germany and a number of other alumni were also in attendance.

Paul Goto of the illustrious 1983 Class accepted an invitation to address the graduating class and did not disappoint as he gave a rousing keynote speech mixing in a number of legal “war stories” with some sage advice gained from his 25 years out of School. The Law School faculty and administration were out in full force. Prof. Jill Ramsfield was selected by the graduating class to speak on behalf of the faculty, and she too spoke eloquently, welcoming the new class into our alumni ohana.

The Alumni Association would like to thank 3L class representatives Marissa Luning, Byron Nakamura, and Joshua Walsh for their hard work and dedication in helping to plan the fabulous event, from an elaborate slide show presentation to the Rumja (that’s “AmJur” mixed up) awards. Also, we would like to thank the following donors for their donation to the night’s silent auction in support of the Alumni Association: Dean Hazel Beh, Dean Carol Mon Lee, Dean Tochiki, Prof. Jon Van Dyke, Prof. Randall Roth, and Prof. David Callies. Also, much mahalos to Lanmar Flowers, who donated leis for the evening’s festivities. Finally, mahalo to Becca Dayhuff and Nam Phan for coordinating the event on behalf of the alumni. A good time was had by all.
**ALUMNI TIDBITS**

Just married? Just had a baby? Just started a new business (legal or nonlegal, but not illegal)? Share your good news with your classmates and other alumni by simply sending us a note to our mailing address (above) or an e-mail to lawalum@hawaii.edu. If sending an e-mail, please refer to “alumni news” in the subject line.

1978 – Kudos to **Connie Chun**, selected as one of four special women honored at the 31st Annual YWCA Leader Luncheon on May 8th. Connie’s career can inspire all. Growing up in a rural area of the southern Philippines, she earned a scholarship to a four-year nursing program in Manila, graduating as class valedictorian and president. After having served as a nurse throughout the Philippines, Connie earned a Fulbright Scholarship to study public health at Loma Linda University in California, being the first Filipina registered nurse (“RN”) in the program. She then advocated for and created a review course for other Filipina nurses interested in becoming U.S. RN’s. Connie later married Hawaii cardiologist H.H. “Hunky” Chun and became the matriarch of the Honolulu Marathon’s “Hunky Bunch,” composed of Connie, Hunky, Connie’s three daughters and Hunky’s three sons. Connie earned an M.P.H. at the University of Hawaii and joined the nascent U.H. Law School, graduating in 1978, and serving as class mom. Connie served two terms in the Hawaii State House of Representatives, chairing the Human Services and Public Assistance Committee, and being instrumental in the establishment of the Nursing Home without Walls program. Since Hunky’s passing, Connie has again been helping Filipina nurses earn their RNs through the RN-CLEX review course and the Connie & H.H. Chun, M.D., Educational Endowment.

1980 – Hats off to **Judith Lee Sterling** of Sterling & Tucker, LLP, upon her appointment to the eight-member national Board of Governors of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys.

1983 – **Anthony K. (“Tony”) Bartholomew** was recently nominated and confirmed as a District Court Judge for the Third Circuit. Tony had served as a Deputy Public Defender in Hilo for the past 10 years, following over 10 years in private law practice, both with a private law firm and as a solo practitioner. Congratulations Tony.

1989 – **David Gierlach** was featured in a Charles Meminger column in the May 18th Sunday Star Bulletin discussing how Father David balances his law practice, the needs of his congregation at St. John’s by the Sea Episcopal Church in Kahaluu, and his family life.

1995 – Our belated congratulations to **Damien Horigan** and his wife, Jocelyn, on the birth of their daughter Kumu Kamalei on September 12, 2007. Damien has started teaching in the United Arab Emirates.

1997 – Former alumni board member **Peter Horovitz** has started his own Maui law practice, emphasizing real estate and corporate law. His new Wailuku contact information is 305 High St., Ste. 101 ph. (808)242-5755(W). Our best to Peter.

2001 – **Nichole Shimamoto** has recently moved to Finance Factors to serve as Vice President and Associate General Counsel. Nichole comes to Finance Factors from American Savings Bank. Best wishes to Nichole.

2003 – **Nang H. Tran** recently opened the “Cream Pot” restaurant in the Hawaiian Monarch Hotel (444 Niu St. at the ewa end of Waikiki, between Ala Wai Blvd. and Kuhio Ave., ph. 429-0945). He has created a French country ambiance, with a menu primarily geared to the breakfast/brunch crowd (open 6:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily), including a broad variety of entrees. Nadine Kam’s Star Bulletin review gave the restaurant 4 stars (her highest rating) for ambiance, and 3 ½ stars each for food, service and value.

2004 (LL.M.) – Our best to **Ellen Eichberg** who has recently joined the German-based law firm of Oppenhoff & Partner, with a mergers & acquisitions focus. Ellen was recently back in Honolulu working on a comparative law project in family law. Last December, she had an article on the Kamehameha Schools admissions policy case published in the Heidelberg Journal of International Law (citation: Eichberg, ZaöRV, vol. 67 (2007) p.887-905).

2005 – Belated congratulations to **Brianne (Ornellas) Wong Leong** on her November 10, 2007 nuptials. She and Edmund Ikaika Wong Leong were wed at St. Ann’s Church in Kaneohe. Brianne is working at Lyons Brandt Cook & Hiramatsu.

2006 – **Sarah Johnson Carter** has started a support group for families of children affected by rare anomalies on the third chromosome. Sarah’s daughter, Cayli Pualani, who was born while Sarah was a 2L, is missing part of that chromosome. She is the first case of this specific disorder geneticists have found in the United States. Manifestations of the anomaly include autism and seizures. A website for the group can be found at http://misscayli.com

Sarah Bazzi has joined the Richardson Law School part-time as its Assistant Director of Legal Practice. Sarah will be supervising Prof. Ramsfield’s writing program, “the Student Initiative,” this summer, and launching the part-time J.D. program’s writing classes.

**Connie Chun,, Class of 1978**