

HAWAII BAR ASSOCIATION/HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
AND LAW RELATED HISTORY 1840 - 2009

- 1840 Hawaii adopts its first constitution
- 1857 Carlsmith Ball, the oldest law firm, established in Hilo
- 1864 Hawaii Supreme Court moves to Ali'iolani Hale
- 1888 Almeda Hitchcock – admitted to law practice, the only woman admitted in the 19th century
- 1898 Thomas McCants Steward- first African American lawyer in Hawaii, leaves in 1905
- 1899 Hawaii Bar Association is formed – voluntary membership
- 1916 Marguerite Ashford – first woman admitted in the Territory of Hawaii
- 1920 Hawaii bar membership - 100 lawyers, all Caucasian
- 1930 Hawaii bar membership - 162 lawyers
- 1934 Carrick Hume Buck – first woman appointed to a judgeship
- thru 1940's Supreme Court and certain court judges could examine and admit persons to bar without examination
- 1942 Sau Ung Loo Chan - first Asian woman admitted to bar
- 1952 Hawaii Bar News begins publication (now Hawaii Bar Journal)
- 1953 Patsy Mink – first woman of Japanese ancestry admitted to bar
- 1958 Lawyers Wives of Hawaii meets for the first time
- 1959 Rhoda Lewis – first woman appointed to Hawaii Supreme Court

William Quinn elected first governor (previously appointed governor of territory)

Hawaii Statehood – 388 licensed attorneys
- 1960 Betty Vitousek – appointed Hawaii Bar Association's first executive director

Bar directory lists 9 women in active practice
- 1961-62 Supreme Court offers bar exam 2 times a year (previously once a year)
- 1963 Frank Damon and Henry Shigekane establish the first Caucasian Japanese law firm in Hawaii
- 1965 New code numbers assigned to each attorney starting with No. 101
- 1968 Chief Justice William S. Richardson proposes a law school for Hawaii

- Bar president Frank Damon calls for support of local law school
- 1969 Maui County Bar Association formed
HSBA has 625 dues paying members
Hawaii Bar Foundation established
Hawaii Bar News changes from mimeograph to print format
- 1970 Betty Vitousek appointed Family Court judge (no other active women judges)
Office of the Public Defender exists as a separate unit administered privately by Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
Bar directory lists 16 women in active practice
- 1972 Office of the Public Defender established as a public agency
HBA office moves from Judiciary Building to 235 Queen St., Room 402
Elle Pierce hired as HSBA's first full-time staff member
- 1973 HBA membership at 1,000
University of Hawaii School of Law enrolls its first class
- 1974 George Ariyoshi elected governor
Benjamin Menor - first Filipino appointed to the Hawaii Supreme Court
Lawyers Wives of Hawaii changes name to Hawaii Legal Auxiliary
- 1975 HBA directory lists 44 women in active practice - 2.5% of the bar
Kapiolani Community College offers first courses in a legal paraprofessional program
HBA takes over Lawyers Referral Service from Legal Aid: first administrator, Mari Matsuda, age 19
- 1976 Hawaii Women Lawyers established by Rai Saint Chu
- 1977 Arthur Ueoka appointed first prosecuting attorney for newly formed County of Maui Dept. of Prosecuting Attorney
- 1978 Charles Marsland elected first prosecuting attorney after position becomes elected
- 1978 Judicial Selection Commission established as a result of 1978 Constitutional Convention
- 1979 Neighborhood Justice Center established
Introduction of concept of using interest on client trust funds for bar purposes

- 1980 Prepaid legal services approved
American Bar Association holds Annual Meeting in Honolulu
Intermediate Court of Appeals established
- 1981 Hawaii Pro Bono Legal Services established (name changes to Hawaii
Lawyers Care and now Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii)

Senior Citizens Unit established at Legal Aid, becomes University of
Hawaii Elder Law Project in 1991

HBA office moves from Alexander Young Bldg to Hasegawa-Komuten
Bldg, 820 Mililani St.
- 1982 UH Law School receives full accreditation from ABA

HSBA adopts procedure for meeting unjust criticism of Hawaii's bench
and courts

First Law Week Fun Run held in Lanikai; held annually fro several years
- 1983 Na Loio Immigrant Services established

UH Law School renamed The William S. Richardson School of Law and
celebrates its 10th anniversary

IOLTA, interest on lawyers trust accounts, is approved by the Hawaii
Supreme Court and is administered by the Hawaii Bar Foundation
- 1985 HBA office moves to Bishop Square, Pauahi Tower, 5th floor, 1001 Bishop
St. (5th move in 14 years)

HBA voluntary membership at 2300
- 1986 John D. Waihee III, member of Richardson School of Law's first graduating
class in 1976, elected governor of Hawaii

Corrine Watanabe named Hawaii's first woman Attorney General

Young Lawyers Division wins 2 first place national ABA awards
- 1987 Richardson School of Law inaugurates biennial Jurists-in-Residence
program with US Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens and
US Eighth Circuit Court Judge Myron Bright

HBA and Yunnan Province, China establish sister bar relationship
- 1988 HBA holds its first annual convention

100th anniversary of first woman lawyer in Hawaii
- 1989 American Bar Association holds Annual Meeting in Honolulu

Hawaii Supreme Court issues unification order requiring mandatory
membership in the bar organization

Hawaii Civil Rights Commission established

- 1990 HBA transitions to a unified bar as the Hawaii State Bar Association. Bar membership increases by 40%
- Coralie Chun Matayoshi hired as full-time Executive Director
- HSBA develops first missions and goals
- Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline established
- 1991 Hawaii Bar News publishes first issue with a cover photo of HSBA President Paul Alston
- HSBA office moves to 1136 Union Mall, PH 1
- 1993 Sherry P. Broder serves as first woman president of HSBA and is awarded the ABA Sole Practitioner of the Year Award
- HSBA begins to take positions on judicial nominees and cosponsors Citizens' Conference on Judicial Selection recommending the publication of list of nominees
- Spangenberg Report issued regarding the unmet civil legal needs of low and moderate income people in Hawaii
- Pro bono aspirational goal established - 50 hours of pro bono work per year per member
- YLD wins 3 ABA awards, two first places and one-second place award
- Paula Nakayama appointed second woman to the Hawaii Supreme Court
- HSBA attorneys volunteer to help victims of Hurricane Iniki on Kauai
- 1994 Benjamin J. Cayetano elected governor of Hawaii
- HSBA and Native Hawaiian Bar Association jointly sponsor symposium on Native Hawaiian sovereignty
- Hawaii Bar Foundation changes name to Hawaii Justice Foundation
- 1995 HSBA opposes congressional attempts to move Hawaii and California in the same federal appeals court
- HSBA named in 4 separate lawsuits, all resolved without cost to HSBA
- 1996 Ellen Godbey Carson serves as second woman president of HSBA
- Citizens Justice Conference convened to enhance the civil justice system and help obtain "Justice for All"
- HSBA Board adopts Guidelines for Professional Courtesy and Civility
- 1997 Mediator Mentor Program established to teach students how to resolve disputes peacefully
- HSBA survey on gender and other fairness
- HSBA supports Alternative Dispute Resolution

- 1999 HSBA celebrates its Centennial and publishes a Hawaii Bar Journal Centennial Issue
- HSBA Annual Dinner celebrates its Centennial at the Hawaii Convention Center with over 700 attendees
- HSBA membership exceeds 4,000
- HICLE (Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education) programs transferred to HSBA
- HSBA office moves to current location at 1132 Bishop St., Suite 906.
- 2001 HSBA raises money for the September 11 Fund and the victims of 9/11
- 2002 Rule 1.14 promulgated by Supreme Court: professionalism course required for every attorney licensed to practice after 7.1.2002
- 2003 HSBA initiates annual judicial evaluations
- Lyn Flanigan hired as Executive Director
- 2005 HSBA hosts representatives from Dai'Ichi Tokyo Bar and Mongolian Bar at annual meeting
- HSBA and Dai'Ichi Tokyo Bar Association sign friendship agreement
- HSBA & Richardson School of Law Trial Academy established
- HSBA supports law students from New Orleans find homes and internships in Hawaii after Hurricane Katrina
- HSBA hosts visits from Mongolian Bar and Russian Bar Associations
- 2006 American Bar Association holds Annual Meeting in Honolulu and Hawaii Bar Journal publishes special issue for ABA Annual Meeting
- Ellen Godbey Carson honored at ABA's 16th annual Margaret Brent Awards; Richard Turbin and Chief Justice Ronald Moon receive ABA Torts Trial & Insurance Practice section Pursuit of Justice Awards; Justice Steve Levinson honored with the Allies for Justice Award from the National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Bar Association
- 2007 HSBA leadership visits Dai'Ichi Bar Association and presents program on Hawaii jury system
- HSBA and related entities undertake Access to Justice study
- HSBA undertakes strategic planning exercise, first since unification
- US Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens visits the Bar
- 2008 HSBA Leadership Institute and Senior Counsel Division established
- HSBA proposes Unlicensed Practice of Law rule
- 2009 Rai Saint Chu serves as first Asian woman president of HSBA

Hawaii judiciary - 80 justices and judges, 28 (35%) women

Hawaii Supreme Court adopts rules requiring mandatory continuing education for active licensed attorneys effective Jan. 1, 2010

HSBA purchases offices at 1100 Alakea, 10 flr.

HSBA celebrates 110 years of service to the profession and community