





## February 17, 2009 E-Newsletter

### Tokyo Daiichi Bar Association

The HSBA and the HSBA International Law Section will welcome members of the Tokyo Dai Ichi Bar Association to Honolulu the first week of March. The program will include attendance at a jury trial on Tuesday, March 3 and programs on "Doing Business in Hawaii" and "Doing Business in Japan, on Wednesday March 4. Interested members should contact Richard Turbin at [richturbin@aol.com](mailto:richturbin@aol.com).

### Hawaii Women Lawyers Annual Awards Reception

You are invited to attend Hawaii Women Lawyers' 2008 Annual Awards Reception and join us in honoring the outstanding work and commitment of five distinguished individuals.

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2009  
The Plaza Club, Main Dining Room  
900 Fort Street Mall  
\$40 per person, \$25 for students

RSVP and payment requested by February 27, 2009.  
[Click here for more information.](#)

### Women Rainmaker's Event!

February 20, 2009

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Fuller Hall, YWCA of Oahu

[Marketing from a Women Attorney's Perspective](#)

Women lawyers identify "lack of time" as the number one obstacle to effective business development. In this interactive session, we will look at strategies to:

Identify Your Marketing Niche, Implement Strategies to Get on the "Short List", Develop Strategic Partnerships and Effective Networks, and Prioritize and Leverage Your Marketing Efforts

Join us with our presenter from the **ABA Women Rainmakers** to learn, share, and "think-outside-the box" to find strategies to overcome obstacles to effective Business Development.

2:00 - 4:00 pm Program

4:00-5:00 pm "Wine & Cheese" Networking Reception

### Legal Research, Technology & Ethics Big Island CLE

Friday, March 6, 2009, 7:30am to 4:30pm

University of Hawaii, Hilo Campus, Imiloa Center

This in demand event will cover three hours of Ethics to include conflict of interest, identifying and processing of minor misconduct cases, and the changes made in the complaint processing procedure. In addition, law office information technology overview will be presented by expert Eric Fleckies, CIO of one of Hawaii's largest law firms. We'll update you on the latest of Casemaker and research on LexisNexis. Internet Marketing specialist Dan Stratford will present cutting-edge internet marketing tools.

Don't miss this one!

Cost is \$25 Hawaii County Bar Association members and \$35 for nonmembers.

Click [here](#) to register.

### East Hawaii Professional Development Series with Wine Tasting

**What:** Financial Planning for Lawyers and YLD Social: Wine Tasting

**Where:** Hilo Yacht Club, 77 Laehala St, Hilo, HI 96720

**When:** February 26, 2009

Financial Planning Seminar: 5:00pm

YLD Social/Wine Tasting: 6:00pm

**Cost:**

Financial Planning Seminar: Free

YLD Social/Wine Tasting: \$15/person flat rate.

Checks payable to: Hilo Yacht Club, pay at the door.

**RSVP Deadline:** February 19th to [lhookano@co.hawaii.hi.us](mailto:lhookano@co.hawaii.hi.us)

### Pro-Bono Opportunities

Looking for ways to accomplish your goal of 50 pro bono hours, per HRPC 6.1? The Judiciary offers a number of excellent volunteer opportunities for HSBA members.

View the Judiciary volunteer listing by clicking [here](#).



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### Luncheon with Erwin Chemerinsky

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

12:00 p.m. at YWCA Downtown, Fuller Hall

\$30 for Members, \$20 for Law Students

**Erwin Chemerinsky**, renowned constitutional law scholar and founding dean of the UC Irvine School of Law, will join the HSBA for lunch and a "Conversation with Chemerinsky" on Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Dean Chemerinsky, who has written several books and over 100 articles and has argued frequently before the U.S. Supreme Court, may well have written the constitutional law text you used in law school.

Among his many awards and accolades, Dean Chemerinsky was named in 2005 by Legal Times as one of the "top 20 legal scholars in the United States."

Click [here](#) for more information. AVAILABLE AS WEBCAST

### Exciting New Member Benefit!



Do you need office space, conference rooms, or a temporary office? Corporate Office Centers is a leading national business center firm. It is their goal to provide HSBA members with ideal solutions for your long or short term office space and business service needs.

Please join us for pupus and an Open House:  
Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Corporate Office Centers  
500 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 400  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Parking will be validated.

Bring your business cards for prize drawings. Grand prize is one month free virtual office program (\$230 value), other prizes will be awarded.

As a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association you can take advantage of a variety of programs specifically designed for the Hawaii legal community. Programs and special

pricing concessions include:

- Automatic 10% discount on all full-time office packages
- Virtual office packages designed specifically for attorneys
- Significant discounts on set up fees
- Volume discounts on copy and selected administrative services

**Neighbor Island Members** - Do you need temporary office or conference room space while in Honolulu? Corporate Office Centers can help!

Call 543-2000 today to receive additional information on a variety of plan options or they can create a tailored plan for you. For a virtual tour, visit [www.corpoff.com](http://www.corpoff.com).

### Legal Line

Thank you to **Kobayashi Sugita & Goda** for sponsoring the whole month of March!

Volunteer attorneys are always needed for the LEGAL LINE program which runs every Wednesday evening from the hours of 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Attorneys answer a telephone hotline and provide free legal information to the public. This one-hour weekly program assists members of the public who may not have access to an attorney and need general advice or who just want to be pointed in the right direction to get information. All attorneys are welcomed.

To volunteer for Legal Line Hotlines please email [yld@hsba.org](mailto:yld@hsba.org).

### GEICO has lowered their rates in Hawaii

#### Get your free quote!

Though people think of GEICO as a relatively new company, you should know that since 1936, GEICO, the nation's third-largest private passenger auto insurer, has provided complete policy service and fast, fair claim handling, at a great price. And since 1949, we have been here to serve you in Hawaii. Even better, we have recently lowered rates in Hawaii. GEICO's here to help you 24/7, even on holidays. If you have a claim, we begin to process it as soon as it's reported and settle many within 48 hours. Click [here](#) for your free rate quote today.

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### SCAM ALERT!

Beware of scam emails that have been targeting collection attorneys. Anyone with a need to report internet fraud should contact the FBI. A report can be filed online at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

Or by mail to  
FBI Cybercrime  
PO Box 50164  
Honolulu, HI. 96850

Example of a Scam Email:

*This inquiry is the result of a search of the Lawyer Locator on martindale.com.*

Sent By:

Name: Ngyun Cho

Company Name: Megasoftware(fujian)Hygiene product Co.Ltd

City: Fujian Prov PRC

State/Country: China

Email Address: [lwmeegasoft@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmeegasoft@yahoo.com)

Phone: 86(595)83002822

Comments:

*Mega soft (Fujian) Hygiene, Products Co.Ltd, Yihe Industrial Building Chaokeng Shuanglong Village Nanhuan Rd Shishi City Fujian Prov. PRC China Phone: 86-595-83002822 Fax: 86-595-83002922 Attention: Counsel We the management of Megasoftware(Fujian)Hygiene Products Co Ltd, China require your legal representation for our North American Customers. We are of the opinion that the ability to consolidate payments from North America will eradicate delays due to inter-continental monetary transaction between Asia and North America. We understand that a proper legal Client Retainer will provide the necessary authorization and we are most inclined to commence talks as soon as possible. Your consideration of our request is highly anticipated and we look forward to your prompt response request. Sincerely, Ngyun Cho*

Tips for avoiding scams:

- Research the name(s) in the email: Sender, Company, alleged Chairman/CEO. In the example above, the Company named is legitimate but the person alleged to be Chairman/CEO is not.
- Look at the return email address. If an email claiming to be from a "corporation" comes through a Gmail account, it's probably bogus. The scam above came through a Gmail account.

### Vacancies on LASH Board

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii will have 5 positions expiring on its Board. We are soliciting applications to fill these positions.

General qualifications for these positions include: affirmative interest in the organization; willing and able to devote time to perform necessary duties; diligent in learning methods and problems of the organization.

Duties: Governs the Society in which the primary purpose is to secure justice for and protect rights of the needy. Other qualifications: knowledgeable and supportive of providing quality legal services to the poor. Five positions set to expire; 3-year term beginning July 1, 2009.

*Anyone interested in serving in this capacity should submit to the HSBA Nominating Committee: a resume, reason for wanting to serve, and area of concentration.* Please note that these positions are not compensated and applicants need to disclose all public disciplinary sanctions or state none.

**Please submit applications to the HSBA Office by February 27, 2009.** Appointment will be made at the HSBA Board meeting in June 2009.

**The dates, times, and costs of the HSBA events noted in this newsletter are subject to change. Please re-check the information as the event approaches at [www.hsba.org](http://www.hsba.org) or with the sponsoring organization.**

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