

William S. Richardson School of Law

Mission

The William S. Richardson School of Law is dedicated to providing excellence in legal education and scholarship and to promoting justice, ethical responsibility and public service. We place special emphasis on fields of law of particular importance to Hawai'i and the Pacific region, such as environmental law, native Hawaiian rights, ocean law, and Pacific and Asian Legal Studies.

History

Formal study on the idea of establishing a law school for the State of Hawai'i began in 1968. Five years later the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law admitted its first class.

Fifty-three students comprised that first entering class in 1973 and they were greeted by a faculty of six members. One of those students was a young man named John Waihe'e, who in 1986 was elected Governor of the State of Hawai'i and served until 1994.

Subsequent and larger classes were admitted as the inaugural class moved through to its graduation in May 1976. The faculty, the limited physical facilities and the library grew in each successive year as the legislature made provisions for an augmented student body with enhanced resources.

Provisional accreditation was granted by the American Bar Association (ABA) in the spring of 1974 with full accreditation earned in August 1982. The culmination of the early years' efforts came with the opening of the school's new facilities in 1983.

Today, the School of Law seats approximately eighty students in each entering class. Total student enrollment is approximately 245 and permanent faculty now numbers eighteen.

Special mention is due former Chief Justice of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court William S. Richardson. His patient counsel, steady effort and unwavering commitment to the establishment and development of a high quality law school buttressed all other efforts and served as an example for those who played a role in its history. In recognition of his contribution, the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i in 1983 named the school the William S. Richardson School of Law. Today the former Chief Justice continues to play an active role in community affairs and remains a key supporter of the law school's mission and objectives.

Degree Programs

Juris Doctor

Dual Degree Programs

MBA, Asian Studies, History, Political Science, Urban Planning, Economics

Other Programs

Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law

In 1992, the law school established a Certificate in Environmental Law as a part of the JD curriculum. Environmental Law is one of the two areas of emphasis at the law school, particularly as it relates to Hawai'i's native species and terrestrial ecosystems, fresh and ocean water resources, pollution problems, cultural context and land use issues. The certificate program recognizes the increased student interest in this area, the expertise of a substantial number of our faculty and opportunities in the field. Students interested in the certificate might also want to consider pursuing a Graduate Ocean Policy Certificate which is offered at the University of Hawai'i and is part of our dual degree program.

Environmental Law Program

Publication of environmental papers
Colloquia, public forums

Pacific-Asian Legal Studies

Recognizing the enormous importance of the Pacific Rim to Hawai'i and the U.S., the School of Law is strongly committed to its program in Pacific-Asian Legal Studies (PALS). Many law faculty members specialize or have strong research interests in Asian or Pacific law, and the law school now offers a broad range of courses relating to Asian and Pacific law on a regular basis, supplemented by short-term and specialized courses taught by visitors. Recent courses include Law and Society in China, Chinese Business Law, Asian Comparative Labor Law, Korean Law, Japanese Law and Pacific Islands Legal Systems. For more specialized work, students may also arrange directed reading courses with individual faculty members.

In 1996, the law school awarded its first PALS certificates. The PALS certificate program allows participating students to earn a certificate through the completion of courses from a list of international and Pacific-Asian law electives approved by the PALS faculty. Approximately fifteen elective credits from this list will satisfy the certificate requirements. Students may choose an Asian or Pacific topic for their Second-Year Seminar papers, which may also be used to satisfy the writing component for the certificate.

Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Program

- Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal – first web based American legal journal dedicated to region
- Faculty exchanges with Japanese law faculties
- Host to numerous visiting scholars, practitioners, and international dignitaries (2001 visitors are from US, Canada, Japan, PRC, Taiwan, Korea, and Norway)

Accreditation

The accreditation process of the American Bar Association is designed to ensure that approved law schools have adequate facilities and adhere to sound educational policies. The William S. Richardson School of Law has been fully approved by the American Bar Association. This approval enables its graduates to present a Juris Doctor degree acceptable to the bar examiners of every state.

In 1989, the School of Law was admitted to full membership in the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

Specialized Programs

The **Elder Law Program** is located at the William S. Richardson School of Law on the campus of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and consists of two interrelated components. The Elder Law course is co-sponsored by the University of Hawai'i Center on Aging and provides a basic foundation for legal practice with the elderly. The Elder Law Unit is responsible for direct delivery of legal services to elderly who are socially and economically needy. It has a full-time attorney and a paralegal and operates throughout the calendar year as a law office. The Elder Law Unit is an important source of cases assigned to the students in the Legal Aid Clinic.

Jurists-in-Residence Program

Begun in 1987, this program brings distinguished national jurists to the School of Law to meet with students, faculty, the judiciary, and the bar in a special educational setting. These jurists present seminars, teach classes, and discuss timely judicial matters.

Past participants have included several Justices from the United States Supreme Court including The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, The Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy, The Honorable Antonin Scalia, The Honorable John Paul Stevens and The Honorable Byron R. White. Each time the Justices were accompanied by The Honorable Myron H. Bright, Senior Circuit Court Judge with the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, who was the originator of this program.

U.S. Supreme Court Justices and distinguished jurists visit bi-yearly
Spring 2002 – The Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy

Law Student Public Service (Pro Bono) Program

The Law Student Public Service (better known as "Pro Bono") Program serves two main purposes. First, it introduces the concept of pro bono service to law students. Second, the program allows law students to address unmet legal needs in the community.

It is hoped that exposure to this aspect of an attorney's responsibility to the community will enrich the legal education of law students at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

In order to make the experience both meaningful and useful, the pro bono work is meant to be legal in nature, not clerical or administrative. Additionally, built into the program is a component which encourages the student to discuss and evaluate his or her experience.

It is felt that pro bono is a concept worth instilling in law students before they graduate, and it is hoped that law students will gain an understanding and a sensitivity to unmet legal needs and issues. Developing such a commitment during the educational process will benefit not only the law students, but the entire community--the community that subsidizes every U.H. law student's legal education. The preparation of lawyers who recognize the importance of their public service obligations is an important objective of the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Our students average over 5,000 pro bono hours (legal community service) each year; an additional 3,000 hours through our externship program

Student Profile

Since this is the only law school in the state, many students were either born in Hawai'i or have strong ties to the state. Additionally, the School of Law admits a number of nonresident applicants with strong academic credentials who also demonstrate the potential to make a special contribution to either the state or the academic programs of the School of Law. Included among these are individuals fluent in Pacific or Asian languages and those who bring backgrounds--either professional or academic--in Pacific Island, Asian, environmental or ocean studies.

The student body reflects the ethnic diversity of the population of Hawai'i and includes individuals of African-American, Caucasian, Chamorro, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Micronesian, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Portuguese, and Samoan descent.

Nearly 50 percent of the 240-member student body is female. Sixty percent attended undergraduate institutions on the mainland or abroad and about 20 percent have undertaken graduate work in other disciplines.

Profile of Recently Admitted Students

Because admission to the William S. Richardson School of Law is highly competitive, prospective applicants should be informed of the type of profile offered by the most recently admitted class (the class of 2001). At the time of printing of this publication, final information was not yet available on those who enrolled. However, the information on those admitted should be helpful in assessing the relative competitiveness of the application process.

The median LSAT score for the most recently admitted class is 160 with an 80 percent range from 156 to 170. The median undergraduate grade point average is approximately 3.31 (on a 4-point scale) with an 80 percent range from 2.91 to 3.98. The median age of admittees is 25 years with a range from 21 to 57 years.

Nearly 50 percent of admittees have undergraduate majors in the social sciences, with 13 percent from science and engineering backgrounds and 14 percent from business and economics. Twenty-two percent were humanities majors.

A sampling of the more than 95 different undergraduate institutions which the student body represents is shown below.

- Beijing University (China)
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- Carleton College
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Foreign Affairs College (China)
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- International Christian University (Japan)
- Jilin University (China)
- Keio University (Japan)
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Notre Dame
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College
- Pitzer College
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Santa Clara University
- Smith College
- Stanford University
- Swarthmore College
- Tufts University
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of California-Davis
- University of California-Los Angeles
- University of California-San Diego
- University of California-Santa Barbara
- University of Colorado
- University of Guam
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa
- University of Minnesota
- University of Oregon
- University of San Diego
- University of Southern California
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin
- Vassar College
- Wesleyan University
- Williams College
- Wuhan University (China)
- Yale University
- Yantai University (China)

Total Students: 242

Men: 102/242

Women: 140/242

Gender/Ethnic Breakdowns: (Fall 2001)

The law school leads UH Manoa in combined gender and ethnic diversity among faculty.

Percentage Female: 140/242

Asian/Pacific Islander: 139

Japanese: 46

Chinese: 25

Korean: 7

Filipino: 12

Hawaiian/Part Hawaiian: 28

Pacific Islander: 9

Other Asian: 3

Mixed Asian/Pacific Islander: 9

Hispanic: 8

Caucasian: 52

African American : 2

American Indian/Alaska Native: 1

Mixed: 19

Admissions

245 Students, 600 Applications for 75 Seats

Entering Class

- 75% Resident
- Students are top 25% nationally based on LSAT Score and Undergrad GPA
- Over 50% Female
- Mirror Ethnic Diversity of Hawai`i
- From 41 Different Undergraduate Institutions
- Average Age is 25, as Old as 55

Financing

- 1994 – 2001 increased law school tuition over 300%
- Now 6% a year
- At \$10,000, still one of the most affordable tuitions in the country
- Increased private giving: 12 new endowments in Campaign
- Reversed ratio of state funding: from 80/20 in 1994 to 20/80 in 2001

Factoids

Recent National Rankings (Out Of 183 Law Schools)

- 1998 *US News & World Report* “Top Tier” Law School
- Most Ethnically Diverse
- 4th for Faculty/Student Ratio
- 4th for Placement
- 7th Best for Public Interest Placement
- 8th for Lowest Debt Load
- 9th Best for Student Quality of Life
- 16th Best Law Library
- Top 25 in Environmental Law
- 29th for Bar Exam Pass Rate

Competitions & Honors

William S. Richardson School of Law students have a long-standing tradition of excellence in regional, national and international competitions. 1998-99 was an exceptional year, with teams from the School winning two national and two regional championships. During the 1999-2000 academic year, the School of Law students once again captured team and individual honors in national and regional competition. This consistently outstanding performance is attributed to the overall rigor of the academic program, the expertise of the faculty and alumni coaches and, above all, to the abilities, professionalism and dedication of the students. Discussed below are a few of the achievements and honors earned by School of Law students.

Recent Success of Moot Court Teams

- Client Counseling Team Regional Champions - 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001
- Environmental Moot Court Team First Place National Winner – 1999

The 2000 School of Law Environmental Moot Court Team made it to the quarterfinal rounds of the national competition, placing them among the top 27, out of 70, teams. Team members included third-year students Philip Miyoshi and Paul Tanaka, and second-year students Karen Arikawa (alternate) and Lisette Blumhardt. Assistant Professor Denise Antolini served as the team's faculty advisor.

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Each year, about seventy teams from across the country compete in this national competition sponsored by Pace University School of Law in New York. Three-member teams from each school write an appellate brief and present oral argument on a different cutting-edge federal environmental law issue (such as hazardous waste, endangered species, or water pollution).

- International Environmental Moot Court Team Fourth in the World - 2001
- Jessup International Moot Court Team
 - Best Team in the Nation - 1993
 - First Place Best Memorial - 1995
 - Best Memorials, Best American Team – 1998

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

The 2000 School of Law team finished third in the Pacific Regional Competition. Nine schools participated in the event. Second-year student Nichole Shimamoto was named top oralist during the competition.

The School of Law has consistently excelled in this competition year after year. In 1999, the team captured the regional title for the fifth time in seven years. The team also received the award for Best Memorial in the competition. From 1992-93 through 1995-96, School of Law teams won four straight regional titles, an almost unheard of feat. Several of these teams also won best memorial (brief) and best oralist honors.

In 1993, the team defeated Georgetown in the National Competition to be crowned Best Team in the Nation. In addition, the team was named Runner-Up in the World, finishing second only to the University of Melbourne. The team also won awards for its memorials. Then team member David McCauley ('93) was selected as the Best Oralist in the entire competition that year.

The 1995 team went on to win first place honors for best Memorial in International Competition earning them the Alona Evans Award. The 1998 School of Law team received the Richard R. Baxter Award for the best overall memorials submitted by any team in the Jessup competition. The team finished first in both the "Best Memorial-Applicant" and "Best Memorial-Respondent" rankings, surpassing over one hundred American and seventy foreign teams. To be selected in both categories is a rare and

astounding accomplishment. The team also ranked second in the world and the best of any American team for the Hardy C. Dillard Award for the best combined memorials.

Native American Moot Court Team

First Place National Winners – 1999, 2000, 2001

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Native American Moot Court Team

NATIVE AMERICAN MOOT COURT TEAM WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP! This is the third year in a row a team from our school has taken first place (Feb. 2001)

The School of Law Native American Moot Court Team captured the national championship, placing first and third in the Best Overall Team category of the 2000 National Native American Moot Court Competition.

The School of Law hosted the competition for the first time in 2000. Forty teams from twenty-one law schools participated in the competition. Professor Williamson B.C. Chang served as faculty advisor for the competition.

The School of Law has participated in this competition for a relatively short time, and, though the School does not have an Indian Law program, the teams have represented the School exceptionally well. The 1999 team was also crowned national champions. During the previous year, a School of Law team finished second in the overall ranking, with the other School of Law team making it to the quarterfinals of the competition. In 1997, then team member Mona Bernardino ('97) was named best oralist in the competition.

Faculty Profile

- Full-time Faculty – 18
- Adjunct/Visiting Faculty – 48 (Fall & Spring Semesters)
- 45% of faculty and deans are women, 32% are minorities
- Faculty and deans serve on over 60 professional service organizations, including the prestigious American Law Institute
- Active in law reform efforts in Hawai`i, the Nation and the Asia-Pacific region
- In a typical year the faculty publish two books and over 50 articles
- Last three years a law faculty member has received the UH Board of Regents' Excellence in Teaching Award
- Recent faculty national and international awards: Fulbright, Woodrow Wilson, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation (Bellagio), Gustav Meyers Outstanding Book

1999-00/2000-01 Academic Years

Outstanding Professor of the William S. Richardson School of Law

Chris Ijima: 2001 Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching

Outstanding Adjunct Professor of the William S. Richardson School of Law

Richard W. Pollack

Certificate of Service Award

James H. Pietsch

Hazel Beh: 2000 Regents' Medal for the Excellence in Teaching

Mark Levin has been appointed by the State Supreme Court to a three-year term to the Committee on Certification of Court Interpreters

Judge Richard Pollack was named as Adjunct Professor of the Year. (2000)

Larry Foster and Eric Yamamoto have been selected to participate in one of three panels to review judicial performance evaluation results with individual judges as a part of the State Supreme Court's Judicial Performance Program (2000)

Denise Antolini and Eric Yamamoto are the inaugural awardees of the Lucy E. Pence Endowment Awards for professional development of the law faculty.

Ron Brown was recently elected to the Executive Board of the prestigious International Society for Labor Law and Social Security (2001)

Alumni

- Just under 1,800 alumni are scattered over 14 countries and 27 states and include a former state governor, a former University president, an under secretary in the Bush Administration, the General in

charge of the Hawai'i Army National Guard and the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

- Also includes presidents and vice-presidents of corporations, numerous judges and elected officials, highly regarded practicing attorneys, a law school dean and assistant dean, and 6 law school professors

- 88% still live in Hawai'i

Student Legal Associations

Advocates for Public Interest Law

Advocates for Public Interest Law (APIL) began with a gift from the 1985 graduating class. The group's purpose is to encourage public interest legal work. Through its fund-raising activities, APIL awards grants to law students to enable them to work for public interest agencies or organizations during their summer recesses. The goal of this program is to provide legal services to underrepresented groups in the community. APIL also aims to raise the consciousness of Hawai'i's legal community regarding public interest law. APIL consists of an all-student group and a board of directors that is composed of students, faculty, and members of the community.

'Ahahui O Hawai'i

The 'Ahahui O Hawai'i is an organization of Native Hawaiian students and graduates of the School of Law. The Hui helps members complete their legal education through academic assistance, scholarship awards and moral support. In particular, members orient new students to the law school experience, hold fund-raising and cultural events, sponsor legal forums, offer tours of various law offices and share study aids.

American Bar Association- Law Student Division (ABA-LSD)

The ABA-LSD is the largest national law student organization. The LSD provides its members with an opportunity to point the law in new and innovative directions through the sharing of ideas and exposure to all aspects of legal concern. From women in the law to minority recruitment, from community legal services to law-related education, student members are kept abreast of legal trends which may determine their participation as attorneys in an ever-changing society. ABA-LSD members are entitled to receive subscriptions to the ABA Journal, the Student Lawyer magazine, and other ABA publications.

American Inns of Court

The American Inns of Court is a national organization of senior judges and attorneys that promotes excellence in legal advocacy at the trial and appellate levels among young lawyers and law students ("pupils"). The organization also seeks to foster greater understanding of and appreciation for the adversary system of dispute resolution in American law. The Inns attempt to build upon the strengths of common law and the English Inns of Court, on which the American Inns are modeled. The Aloha Inn at the William S. Richardson School of Law was granted a charter in 1985 by the American Inns of Court Foundation. Student membership is by invitation of the Executive Committee.

American Trial Lawyers Association-Student Chapter

ATLA is a non-profit organization at the William S. Richardson School of Law that focuses on trial litigation and the realities of law practice. ATLA is committed to making student members as fully prepared for litigation practice as possible, providing opportunities to learn about litigation tools and general practice skills used by experienced attorneys.

Locally, to achieve the goals of ATLA, numerous seminars, workshops, panel discussions, and behind-the-scenes meetings with judges, attorneys, and experts are held each year. In addition, the national organization of ATLA offers scholarships and advocacy competitions. See www.atlanet.org (link) for the national website.

Asian-Pacific Law and Policy Journal

In February 2000, the [Asian-Pacific Law and Policy Journal](#) was launched by students at the School of Law. The APLPJ is the first fully functional, web-based American legal journal dedicated to addressing legal issues in East Asia, Polynesia and Australia. The student-run journal strives to promote awareness of legal issues impacting the Asia-Pacific region, and provide a forum for discussion on these issues.

Christian Legal Society

A local chapter of this nationwide professional association founded in 1961 provides Christian law students, lawyers, and judges with a means of mutual sharing and of witnessing to the legal community. Present activities include fellowship and discussion group meetings. Other activities may include Christian service projects as determined by the members.

Client Counseling Team

The Client Counseling Team represents the law school in a national interschool competition sponsored by the American Bar Association. Team members develop expertise in interviewing and counseling clients. While cultivating the skills needed to be effective with clients, students also learn to identify preventive law and dispute resolution options, spot and address ethical issues, and deal appropriately with a client's non-legal concerns. The team is also expected to develop a working knowledge of the substantive area chosen each year for the competition.

Delta Theta Phi International Legal Fraternity

The Delta Theta Phi International Legal Fraternity is the fastest growing legal fraternity in the nation. The Prince Kuhio Senate was established in Hawai'i in 1982 for the purpose of forming a sharing community to enhance both academic and professional life.

Membership is open on a nondiscriminatory basis to all students admitted to the School of Law. Fraternity activities include the presentation of test-taking and study seminars, initiation ceremonies and social activities. The Prince Kuhio Senate is a registered student organization with access to University of Hawai'i student services and programs.

Environmental Law Society

The [Environmental Law Society](#) was formed in 1987 by a group of students interested in contributing to the growth of environmental law in Hawai'i. Members have the opportunity to provide legal research assistance to attorneys representing individuals and organizations concerned with protection of the environment, take direct action for the protection and enhancement of the environment (e.g., testifying to the Legislature regarding environmental bills), and participate in forums for the exchange of information and the promotion of a better understanding of environmental law and policy issues. Membership is open to all interested students, faculty and alumni of the School of Law.

Environmental Law Moot Court Team

A three-student team, sponsored by the School of Law, participates in the annual competition at Pace University in New York. New members of the team are chosen on the basis of brief-writing and oral argument skills, particularly performance in first-year Appellate Advocacy and the intra-mural Susan McKay Moot Court Competition held each Fall. The School of Law has participated in the competition since 1991. In 1999, the School of Law's team won the national championship out of a field of 68 teams from across the country.

Hispanic Law Students Association

The Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA) is a diverse group of individuals representing a wide range of interests and backgrounds. HLSA is dedicated to facilitating greater legal access and better legal services to the growing Hispanic population of Hawai'i. Efforts include establishing working relationships with the Hispanic community and its leaders, providing academic, career, and moral support to enrolled Hispanic students and educating members and others about Hispanic history and culture in the islands. Currently, HLSA is fielding a team for the national Hispanic Moot Court Competition, providing outreach to the pre-law organization on campus and supporting fund raisers within the Hispanic Community.

LAMBDA Law Student Association

LAMBDA is dedicated to promoting advocacy and support for law students and other persons in the local and greater community who are of diverse sexual orientation and/or sexual minorities. LAMBDA seeks to foster communication regarding issues relating to persons of diverse sexual orientation and to bring greater awareness to the law school community of these issues.

National Lawyers Guild

The Guild is dedicated to the need for basic change in the structure of our political and economic system. It seeks to unite lawyers, law students, legal workers, and jailhouse lawyers of American into an organization that functions as an effective political and social force in the service of the people.

Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Organization (PALSO)

The [Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Organization](#) (PALSO) is committed to developing an understanding of Pacific-Asian legal systems. The organization sponsors a series of lectures by speakers from the local bar

and academic community as well as from Pacific Rim countries and the mainland. Other extracurricular activities include a newsletter, a resource directory and support activities for the emerging Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Program at the School of Law. Plans are under way to implement other educational activities including seminars, workshops and exchange programs. Membership is open to all interested persons.

Pacific Islands Legal Studies Association (PILSA)

PILSA aims to promote awareness and discussion of the legal aspects of political, social, environmental and economic problems of the island nations of the Pacific. It also seeks to affirm the Pacific's distinct geopolitical identity with its own unique perspectives. Toward this end, PILSA sponsors public forums and other activities, assists with research and publications, and presents testimony where appropriate on topics dealing with Pacific Islands issues. PILSA also aims to assist in the recruitment, admission and retention of students of Pacific Islands descent. To promote the expansion of Pacific Islands-related course offerings, PILSA offers suggestions to the faculty and administration about useful courses and assists in soliciting additional funding for such purposes.

Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity, Richardson Inn

[Phi Delta Phi](#) is the largest and oldest national legal fraternity. A local inn of the fraternity, formed in the spring of 1979, is named in honor of former Chief Justice William S. Richardson of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. The fraternity is dedicated to the professional and social interests of its members and to service to the School of Law. Membership is open to all men and women law students who have completed their first semester of law school. In 1987, the inn was chosen as International Inn of the Year.

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team

A team of four second- and third-year law students competes in this competition involving international law controversies. Students receive one credit for participation in this effort, which gives them an opportunity to improve their brief-writing and advocacy skills as well as their understanding of international law.

Student Bar Association (SBA)

Throughout the school year, the SBA actively develops and promotes school-related activities of interest to students, faculty, and the community at large. The SBA participates in the orientation program for incoming first-year law students and coordinates various social and sporting events which help to facilitate this goal. Other important programs include the presentation of legal forums and debates on various current legal issues.

University of Hawai'i Filipino Law Students Association (UHFLSA)

The UHFLSA was formally organized in 1981 to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipinos in Hawai'i. The Association is dedicated to meeting the growing need of the Filipino community in Hawai'i for better legal services and more effective representation in the mainstream of Hawai'i. To achieve these goals, the association's major efforts are aimed at providing academic, career, and moral support to enrolled Filipino law students and at recruiting and guiding Filipino candidates for

enrollment in the School of Law. Membership is open to all interested students currently enrolled in the School of Law and alumni.

The University of Hawai'i Law Review

The University of Hawai'i Law Review, established in 1979, is a scholarly journal managed and edited by second- and third-year students. The Law Review serves the dual purposes of training law students in writing and research and serving the profession and public through the discussion of important developments in the law. Second-year members are selected by the student editorial board on the basis of outstanding academic ability exhibited either through first-year grades or through a writing competition conducted by the Law Review. Third-year members are selected by similar criteria, based on academic and writing ability as demonstrated by Second-Year Seminar papers.

Women Law Students Association

WLSA was founded to promote the participation and to recognize the achievements of women in Hawai'i's legal community and to educate its members and the community about issues of concern to women.

Goals Of The Career Services Department

The School of Law's career services efforts seek to inform law students and graduates of the career opportunities open to persons with a legal education and to assist private and public interest law firms, government agencies, industrial concerns, and other prospective employers in their efforts to identify and interview students and graduates. Emphasis is placed on employers located in Hawai'i, since approximately 80-85% of each graduating class elects to stay in the state. Although legal job markets across the country have faced serious challenges under the strains of recession, the Hawai'i job market has remained fairly hospitable to graduates of this law school. Annual placement surveys of recent graduates indicate that 90-95% of graduates remaining in the state have found legal employment within six months of graduation.

A high percentage of graduates (20%-30%) are successful in locating judicial clerkships for the first year after graduation. Salaries for clerks generally range from about \$34,000 to \$45,000. Recent placements have included clerkships with the Ninth Circuit, Federal District Courts, the Hawai'i State Supreme Court and the Intermediate Court of Appeals, as well as various State Circuit Courts.

Approximately 45% of each class finds employment with private law firms, especially in Honolulu, where compensation packages range widely (\$30,000 to \$60,000+), depending on the size of the firm. Virtually every large and medium firm in Hawai'i employs School of Law graduates and many graduates are also partners. Outside of Hawai'i, graduates have also found employment over the years with prestigious legal and non-traditional employers in San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles, Chicago, Las Vegas, New York City, Washington, D.C., Texas, Guam, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Cambodia and Singapore.

School of Law graduates are also attracted to public interest and government law in respectably high numbers (15%-20%). Public and government agencies in Hawai'i generally pay new graduates in the \$32,000 to \$42,000 range with additional benefits.

Career services to students include: career counseling; information sessions and presentations on a variety of career options; resume-writing and interviewing skills; a fall and spring on-campus interviewing program; a job listing and referral service; a resource library; and linkage with alumni throughout the state and region.

Extramural Grants and Awards (2001-2002)

Nonresearch Awards: 7 Grants, \$243,490

Faculty Awards

Alison Conner, 2002 UH Manoa Chancellor's Citation for Meritorious Teaching