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Services Offered:

- mediator/arbitrator
- discovery planning
- court-appointed/private master
- pre-litigation strategy
- pre-trial, trial consultation
- trial counsel, co- or lead

Legal Experience

1972 – 2014

Kobayashi Koshiba & Watanabe - Honolulu, HI
Kobayashi Watanabe Sugita Kawashima & Goda - Honolulu, HI
Watanabe Ing Kawashima & Komeiji - Honolulu, HI
Kawashima Lorusso LLP - Honolulu, HI
Associate / Partner

- Lead counsel w/ unlimited jurisdiction in over 50 trials to verdict, incl. over 30 jury trials
- Represented State of Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu, local, national and multinational corporations and the insured clients of all major insurance companies
- Served as Counsel to Joint Hawaii State House of Representatives / Senate Committee to Investigate the Felix Decree

1972

Majority Attorney's Office - Honolulu, HI
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Staff Attorney

Legal Associations & Distinctions

2001 - present

International Academy of Trial Lawyers

1990 – present

American College of Trial Lawyers
State Chair, 1998-2000

1981 – present

American Board of Trial Advocates
Treasurer, 2000 - present

1997 – 2003

Judicial Selection Commission
HSBA-Elected Commissioner

1972 – present

Hawaii State Bar Association
served variously as Director / Secretary / Treasurer

Hawaii State Bar Association Attorney of the Year, 2012

John Edmunds Award for Civility

Management Experience

- 1981 - 2005 Partner in charge of Litigation Section in law firms of Kobayashi Watanabe Sugita & Kawashima and Watanabe Ing & Kawashima
- 2005 - 2009 Managing Partner of Kawashima Lorusso, LLP
- 1992 - 2009 Chairman of the Board of Governors, Iolani School

Teaching Experience

- 1988 - 1994 **Wm. S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii – Honolulu, HI**
Adjunct Professor of Law
- Pre-Trial Litigation
 - Trial Practice
- Hawaii Institute of Continuing Legal Education – Honolulu, HI**
- Hawaii Bar Association – Honolulu, HI**
- Pacific Law Institute – Honolulu, HI**
- taught various trial-related courses

Public Service

- 1981 – present **Board of Governors, Iolani School**
served as Board Chair, 1992-2009
- 2009 – 2013 **Board of Trustees, St. Clement's School**
served as Board Chair, 2009-2013

James Kawashima, ALC is committed to providing a portion of its work pro bono to worthy individuals and organizations

Military Service

- 1969 - Present **United States Naval Reserve**
- 1964 - 1969 **Active Duty United States Navy**
- rank achieved: Lieutenant
 - Vietnam Service Medal
 - American Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam)

Education

- The National Law Center, George Washington University – J.D. with Honors, 1972**
- Lewis & Clark College – B.A. in Economics, 1964**