

The Honorable Walter S. Kirimitsu (Ret.)

The Honorable Walter S. Kirimitsu received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawaii, majoring in Japanese Language & Literature; and received his J.D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

Judge Kirimitsu is currently serving as the President/Head of School for Saint Louis School (he will be retiring from this position June 30, 2015), and is a member of the State of Hawaii Judicial Selection Commission, to which he was appointed in September, 2014.

Judge Kirimitsu served as certified trial counsel in the Judge Advocate Group, U.S. Air Force; he practiced law for over 25 years in private civil practice, mainly in personal injury litigation and international law and finance; Judge Kirimitsu is fluent in Japanese, and has represented numerous corporate clients from Japan doing business in Hawaii; he was an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawaii, and published over 40 opinions; he served as the University General Counsel/Vice President for Legal Affairs for the University of Hawaii 10 campus system.

Judge Kirimitsu was also the President of the Hawaii State Bar Association; Elected Fellow in the American Board of Trial Advocates; Elected Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers; Director, Japan American National Museum, Los Angeles, California; member of the Japan-America Society, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and the Japan-Hawaii Lawyers' Association; Panelist speaker at Osaka Gakuin University Law School's Symposium, "Legal Education in Japan in the 21st Century.

The Judge's services as Mediator and/or Arbitrator may be arranged through Dispute Prevention & Resolution, Inc. at (808) 524-1234.

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PERSONAL

Date of birth: March 22, 1941

Marital status: May N. Kirimitsu
(University of Hawaii, Bachelor of Education, 1963)
Former Resource Teacher/Coordinator
English for Second Language Learners (ESLL)
Department of Education
Honolulu District Office, State of Hawaii

Children: Lynn Keiko Akabane
John Masayoshi Kirimitsu
Mark Mamoru Kirimitsu

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, JD	Ann Arbor, Michigan	1965
University of Hawaii Bachelor of Arts (Majored in Japanese Language & Literature and conversant in Japanese)	Honolulu, Hawaii	1962
St. Mary's College	Moraga, California	1958-59
St. Louis High School	Honolulu, Hawaii	1958

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii	1966
United States District Court for the District Court of Hawaii	1966

EMPLOYMENT

President, Saint Louis School	Honolulu, Hawaii	2006 – retired 2015
Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel University of Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	1999 – 2006
Associate Judge Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawaii (see attached list of published opinions)	Honolulu, Hawaii	1995 – 1999
Officer and Director Shim, Tam, Kirimitsu & Chang, Attorneys at Law Practice in personal injury litigation and international law and finance.	Honolulu, Hawaii	1976 – 1995
Partner Kirimitsu & Dewa, Attorneys at Law General practice of law.	Honolulu, Hawaii	1970 – 1976
Law Associate Kashiwa & Kanazawa, Attorneys at Law General practice of law.	Honolulu, Hawaii	1969 – 1970
Law Clerk for Justice Cable A. Wirtz Supreme Court, State of Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	1965 – 1966
Judge Advocate Judges Advocate Group United States Air Force Certified trial and defense counsel in general and special court martials, claims officer.	Sewart Air Force Base Tennessee	1966 – 1969

GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

Panelist at Osaka Gakuin University Law School's Symposium. "Legal Education in Japan in the 21st Century." November 2004; invited to be guest lecturer in American Law at the Osaka Gakuin University Law School.

Delegate member of Japan-Hawaii Economic Council Meetings in Tokyo, Japan. 1991.

State Delegate to the 10th Anniversary of Sister/State Relationship between Hawaii and Fukuoka, Japan.

Director, Board of Directors, Japan American National Museum, Los Angeles, California. 2001 – present.

Former member of The Japan-America Society, The Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and the Japan-Hawaii Lawyers' Association.

Former Director of Nippon Travel Agency of the Pacific, Inc. of Kawakami Sangyo, Inc.

Legal Counsel to many major corporate clients from Japan and Asia with investments and business interests in Hawaii.

LEADERSHIP

Saint Louis School

President of the Student Body Council. 1958

Editor-in-Chief of School Collegian Newspaper. 1958

Senior Class Graduation Salutatorian. 1958

University of Hawaii

President, Associated Students of University of Hawaii. 1959

Senator, Associated Students of University of Hawaii. 1959 – 1961

Distinguished Air Force ROTC graduate. 1962

Director, Board of Directors, Honolulu Stadium. 1961 – 1962

Board of Directors, University of Hawaii Athletics Board. 1961 – 1962

Ex-Officio Student Representative on the Board of Regents. 1961 – 1962

Selected by Campus Illustrated, a national collegiate magazine, as one of the nation's top 10 students who reflected the highest standards of scholarship and leadership. 1962
Real Dean's Award for scholarship and leadership. 1962

United States Air Force

President of the Junior Officers' Council, Sewart Air Force Base,
Tennessee. 1967-1968
First Asian American to be elected by peers.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

President. Hawaii State Bar Association. 1990

Vice President. President-Elect. Hawaii State Bar Association. 1989

Treasurer. Hawaii State Bar Association. 1984

Chair. Long Range Planning Committee. Hawaii State Bar Association

Elected Fellow in two of the top national trial lawyers' associations:
American College of Trial Lawyers; and
American Board of Trial Advocates

State Delegate. Association of Trial Lawyers in America. 1982 – 1984

Commissioner. Judicial Arbitration Commissions. 1985 – 1995

Memberships in the American Bar Association. Hawaii State Bar Association,
Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Hawaii. Hawaii Trial lawyers
Association. American Judicature Society

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Chairman. Board of Trustees. Saint Louis School. 1991 and 1996 – 2002

Trustee, Saint Louis School 1988 through December 2015

Distinguished Achiever. University of Hawaii. 2007

Gallery of Distinguished Achievers Inductee. Saint Louis School October 2005.
and Lifetime Achiever 2015

Director. Board of Directors. Japanese American National Museum. Los Angeles,
California. 2001 through the present

Director. Japan-Hawaii Economic Council. 1990 - 1995