

# KARL K SAKAMOTO

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## EDUCATION

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RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW

*Juris Doctorate, 1982*

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - MANOA CAMPUS

*Bachelor of Arts, Psychology*

*Graduated with Distinction 1978*

Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi

## EXPERIENCE

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### DISPUTE PREVENTION RESOLUTION

*Arbitrator/Mediator April 2017 to Present*

Arbitrator and mediator with Hawaii's most experienced dispute resolution firm. Concentration includes issues and disputes relating to construction, real property, wills and trusts, personal injury, employment/labor, condominium/AOAO, and contracts.

### JUDICIARY – STATE OF HAWAII

*Criminal Division Judge, Circuit Court of the First Circuit June 2000 to October 2008*

Intensive criminal felony trial calendar. Gained insight into local jury behavior and analysis through a hundred jury and non-jury trials conducted.

*Civil Division Judge, Circuit Court of the First Circuit October 2008 to December 2016*

Extensive civil litigation experience in the issues relating to the following areas: commercial/business; condominium/AOAO; construction/design; employment/labor; estates/probate/trusts; family; insurance/personal injury/torts; products liability; intellectual property; partnership/corporate law; real property; and securities. Motions analysis, settlement negotiations, and finding and order drafting.

### HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

*Deputy Executive Director, April 1997 to May 2000*

This position serves as the coordinator of the Legal and Investigative Sections of the Commission, and also functions as the full assistant to the Executive Director, acting in his absence. The Deputy is responsible for the development of the Commission's planning, budgeting, personnel management, public education, and overall policy and program direction. This position supervises 3 enforcement attorneys, 3 lawclerks, 2 investigative supervisors, and 10 investigators, and includes the assignment and review of their cases. Intensive litigation involvement is required. Civil litigation practice involving the presentation of discrimination claims in the areas of employment, public accommodations, real estate transactions, and state-funded services. Motions practice in the administrative context, and in State, Federal, and Bankruptcy courts. Discovery practice, regulatory rule making, and investigator training. Extensive settlement negotiations and mediation participation.

### BURKE, SAKAI, MCPHEETERS, BORDNER, IWANAGA, AND ESTES

*Associate Civil Litigation Section, March 1989 to October 1991*

Civil litigation practice with an emphasis on insurance defense, personal injury, products liability, commercial and construction litigation in State and Federal courts. Litigation preparation, including evaluation of liability and damages; motions practice; pleading practice; and discovery practice.

including depositions, admissions, interrogatories, and production of documents. Settlement and mediation negotiations, arbitration hearings, and DCCA administrative hearings.

#### **OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

*Senior Deputy Public Defender, October 1982 to March 1989*

Extensive criminal defense practice involving preliminary hearings; bail and supervised release hearings; motions practice; extradition hearings; plea negotiations; and jury and bench trials.

- Appellate Division - October 1982  
Draft appellate briefs; appellate arguments before the Supreme Court of Hawaii and the Intermediate Court of Appeals; representation of clients at parole hearings and civil commitment hearings.
- District Trial Division - February 1983  
Defense of clients charged with petty misdemeanor and misdemeanor crimes, including Assault, DUI, Criminal Property Damage, Trespass, Theft, Shoplifting, Prostitution, Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, and Harassment.
- Felony Trial Division - October 1983  
Defense of clients charged with Class "B" and "C" felony crimes, including Negligent Homicide, Assault, Reckless Endangering, Terroristic Threatening, Kidnapping, Burglary, Theft, and Forgery.
- Class "A" Felony Division - February 1985  
Defense of clients charged with Class "A" and complex felony crimes, including Murder, Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse.
- Senior Trial Attorney - 1988  
Assigned the most difficult, complex, or serious criminal defense cases.

#### **COMPENSATION**

- **\$300/hour** upon completion or as notified in writing
- No costs or expenses charged on Oahu, unless otherwise notified
- No cancellation fee