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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
Supreme Court of the United States	1987

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

## **GLOBAL EXPERIENCES**

Panelist at Osaka Gakuin University Law School's Symposium, "Legal Education in Japan in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

Commissioner, State Judicial Selection Commission, 2014 through 2017

## **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

## **FEES AND COSTS**

\$450.00 per hour, plus expenses and Hawaii State General Excise Taxes