

# PARTNER

## Craig K. Shikuma



Born January 5, 1960 in Hilo, Hawaii, Mr. Shikuma is a Partner of the law firm and practices primarily in the areas of litigation, arbitration and mediation of commercial, employment, real estate and construction disputes. He also represents lending institutions in litigation matters. His practice includes drafting and reviewing construction contracts and employment contracts and matters relating public procurement law.

Mr. Shikuma received his Bachelor of Science degree, *cum laude*, in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington in 1982. In 1985, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law. He was on the Law Review from the fall of 1983 through the spring of 1985.

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Mr. Shikuma started his legal career as a litigation associate for Carlsmith, Wichman, Case, Mukai and Ichiki in 1985. In January of 1986, he was one of eight attorneys who broke off from Carlsmith to form Bays, Deaver, Hiatt, Kawachika and Lezak. Mr. Shikuma joined Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda in September of 1996. During his legal career, Mr. Shikuma has litigated, arbitrated and mediated numerous cases involving complex commercial and real estate transactions, major construction disputes, condemnation actions, wrongful termination actions and personal injury actions. He has tried cases in both the State and Federal District Courts of Hawaii.

Mr. Shikuma was an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson Law School from 1992 through 1996. He taught the Appellate Advocacy course, which dealt with the writing of appellate briefs and oral argument before the appellate courts. He is currently a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association and a neutral with Dispute Prevention and Resolution, Inc. He successfully completed mediation training at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law.

Mr. Shikuma volunteers his services to the Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation, which provides assistance to Hawaii's children diagnosed with cancer and their families. Mr. Shikuma also served on the Board of Oahu Country Club from 2009 through 2012, and was Club President during the final year.