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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation Construction Litigation Tort Defense and Prosecution Mr. Fuji joined the law firm that is today Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda in 1986, following graduation from law school. Prior to attending law school, he was a high school social studies teacher at Mid-Pacific Institute in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was also the tennis team coach and student counsel advisor.

Mr. Fuji received a Bachelors degree in United States History and a Masters degree in Educational Administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Mr. Fuji's practice is concentrated in the area of commercial litigation with an emphasis on matters related to insurance law, torts, and commercial contracts and leases. He represents clients in civil trials in both the State and Federal District Courts in Hawaii, and in arbitrations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. He also serves as an arbitrator in the State of Hawaii's Court Annexed Arbitration program and has presented seminars on torts and various insurance subjects.

Mr. Fuji advises and represents insurance companies, policyholders and the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Hawaii on special cases. He has been retained as special counsel in complex litigation matters related to the insolvency and rehabilitation and liquidation of insurance companies. In his role as co-lead counsel to the Liquidator of these insolvent insurance companies, he has helped recover over \$20 million in assets for distribution to creditors.

Mr. Fuji is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Defense Research Institute and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He is licensed to practice in all of the state and federal courts in Hawaii, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the United States Court of Federal Claims.

## EDUCATION

University of Hawaii at Manoa Bachelor of Education

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University of California Hastings College of the Law Juris Doctor