

#### **BRIEF BACKGROUND:**

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii and graduated from Pearl City High School (1974), University of Hawaii at Manoa (1978) and the William S. Richardson School of Law (1981). Admitted to the Hawaii State Bar in 1981. Joined the law firm of Fujiyama, Duffy & Fujiyama in 1981 specializing in commercial and civil litigation. In 1994 founded the firm of Matsumoto LaFountaine & Chow which changed it's name to The Pacific Law Group in 2000. Currently a partner in the firm of Fukunaga Matayoshi Ching & Kon-Herrera.

Past Secretary and presently a member of the Board of Directors for the Hawaii State Bar Association. Past President, Secretary, Board member and presently a Board member for the Friends of Hickam, Inc. Past President, Secretary and board member of the Board of Directors for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. Past Vice-chair and member of the State of Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Past Chair of the State of Hawaii Motor Vehicle Repair Board, and currently Vice-Chair of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

#### **LEGAL EDUCATION:**

William S. Richardson School of Law University of Hawaii, J.D. Degree awarded May 1981

#### LICENSES:

All Courts in the State of Hawaii; U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

#### **UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:**

University of Hawaii, Manoa Majors: Political Science B.A. Degree awarded May 1978

# **LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:**

#### Partner/Director/Shareholder

The Pacific Law Group, AAL, ALC May 1, 1999 to Present

#### Partner/Director/Shareholder

Matsumoto LaFountaine & Chow August 1, 1994 to April 30, 1999

#### Partner/Director

Fujiyama, Duffy & Fujiyama October 1, 1988 to August 1, 1994

## **Associate Attorney**

Fujiyama, Duffy & Fujiyama September 1, 1981 to September 30, 1988

## OTHER LAW-RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITIES:

Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA), 1981 to Present (HSBA Secretary, 1995 - 1996; Board of Directors 2000 - present)

Arbitrator, Hawaii Court Annexed Arbitration Program, 1987 - Present

#### Member

- \*Hawaii Defense Lawyers Association, 1987 Present
- \*American Bar Association, 1981 Present
- \*American Association For Justice, 1981 Present
- \*Defense Research Institute, 1981 Present
- \*Hawaii Defense Lawyers Association, 1988 Present
- \*State of Hawaii, Motor Vehicle Repair Licensing Board, 2006 2014

**Adjunct Professor of Law,** William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, Spring 1998 - 2004

Coordinator/Instructor, People's Law School, Wahiawa Adult Community School 1992 - 1996

Vice Chair/Board Member, State of Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 1997 - 2005

**Chair/Board Member,** State of Hawaii Motor Vehicle Repair Board 2007 - 2014

#### **AWARDS**

Justice Award, 2003, Hawaii State Bar Association

#### OTHER PAST AND PRESENT PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

#### Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii

Board Member, 1995 - 2010 Past President (1997-8) and Secretary (1996-7)

# Friends of Hickam, Inc.

Board Member, 1997 - 2008 Past President (2003-04) Past Vice President (2001-02) Presently Membership Committee member

# Kipapa Elementary School, School Community Based Management (SCBM)

Parent Representative 1997 - 2000

# Kipapa Elementary Alumni and Community Foundation

Secretary/Founding Board Member 2000 - 2005

## Hawaii United Okinawan Association

Kuba Rosei Kai Club, member

# **REFERENCES**

Marie Weite, Technical Specialist First Insurance Company of Hawaii

Keane Muranaka, Loss Control Atlas Insurance Agency

Kyle Nakamura, President Tunista Services, LLC

Roy Sasuga Retired