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Product Liability Litigation Plaintiffs



Bert Sakuda started as a law clerk at Cronin Fried Sekiya Kekina & Fairbanks in the summer of 1978. This coming year is his 35th year with the office and the 40th anniversary for the law firm. Bert has received the highest peer review rating for lawyers since 1994 and is recognized in the Best Lawyers in America for both Mass Torts and Products Liability representing persons and families that have experienced serious personal injury or death.

Helping those who have been seriously injured or lost loved ones obtain the benefits and financial recovery needed to compensate for losses and manage in difficult times has personal meaning for Bert. His father was rendered quadriplegic and confined to a wheelchair when Bert was a child. He has special insight and understanding of not just the obvious physical and financial impacts of serious injuries but also the many subtle, but no less important, consequences affecting the entire family.

Bert has been involved in many of the firm's important cases over the years, including successful trials to jury verdict and appeals. His product liability cases have included defective design and manufacture of automobiles, military equipment, building supplies and chemicals, as well as several large mass tort cases involving recoveries of \$10-25 million each.



Bert frequently testifies at the legislature to protect the civil justice system. He has also served as a board member, committee chair and committee member with the Hawaii State Bar Association and is a long time member of the Supreme Court's Civil Jury Instruction Committee and a past member of the Appellate Rules Committee.

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