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PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Justice Mario R. Ramil recently retired as Associate Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court and has joined the law firm of Imanaka Kudo & Fujimoto. Given his twenty-two years of experience in the public service sector, he hopes to concentrate his law practice in the areas of Arbitration/Mediation, Administrative law, and governmental relations.

Mr. Ramil retired in December 2002 as Associate Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. During his tenure, he served as the Supreme Court's Assignment Justice responsible for reviewing all appeals and assigning them to the Intermediate Court of Appeals and to the individual Justices of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Justice Ramil has written opinions in all areas of the law, most notably, in the areas of employment discrimination, Insurance, and Labor law.

During the most turbulent years for the insurance industry in the mid-1980s, Mr. Ramil served as Hawai'i's Insurance Commissioner. Immediately after his appointment, Mr. Ramil faced a crisis in Workers' Compensation rates, unavailability of insurance coverage for various businesses, insolvent insurance carriers, and a call for Tort reform. However, during his tenure, Insurance Commissioner Ramil managed to significantly reduce Workers' Compensation, Homeowners, and general liability insurance premiums, maintained the availability of insurance coverage for Hawai'i businesses by establishing the Market Assistance Program (MAP), and presided over the liquidation of a domestic insurance carrier UIIA. In addition, Mr. Ramil, by actively working with the State Legislature, recodified the Insurance Code in 1986. He was also a member of the Governor's task force for Tort reform that drafted the 1986 Tort Insurance Reform law.

Mr. Ramil also served as Hawai'i's Director of Labor. In this capacity, he administered a statewide department with over 800 employees, funded with a \$175 million budget of state and federal funds. As the Director of Labor, his duties involved the enforcement of all of the states' labor laws. These duties required Mr. Ramil to act as a Hearings Officer, lobbying for administration initiatives before the Legislature, interaction with the U.S. Department of Labor, and managing the various employment and job training programs. During his tenure, Mr. Ramil established Labor Law Workshops that provided employers with comprehensive information about state and federal labor laws.

After his graduation from Hastings College of the Law in 1975, Mr. Ramil joined the Department of the Attorney General providing legal services to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Department of Education, The University of Hawai'i, and the Litigation Division of the Attorney General. As Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Ramil represented Hawai'i before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and testified at the U.S. Congress to save the Prepaid Health Act from ERISA preemption. He is licensed to practice law in California and Hawai'i.

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Current Employment: OF COUNSEL, Imanaka Kudo & Fujimoto

**Justice Ramil will be concentrating his practice in the areas of
Arbitration/Mediation, Administrative Law, Governmental
Relations.**

Professional

Experience:

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, HAWAII SUPREME COURT

**State of Hawai'i
1993-2002**

OF COUNSEL

**Lyons, Brandt, Cook, and Hiramatsu
1991-1993**

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

**State of Hawai'i
1984-1987**

DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

**State of Hawai'i
1987-1991**

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of the Attorney General

**Department of Labor, Department of Education, University
Of Hawai'i, Litigation section**

**State of Hawai'i
1976-1979, 1981-1984**

MAJORITY STAFF ATTORNEY, STATE LEGISLATURE

**State of Hawai'i
1979-1980**

Professional

Qualifications:

Licensed to Practice:

United States District Court - Hawaii

United States District Court - Northern District of California

State of Hawai'i

State of California

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Education:

Juris Doctor

**Hastings College of the Law
1975**

Bachelor of Arts

**Cal-State University, Hayward
1972**

Community Activities:

Past Director Filipino Community Center

Oahu Filipino Jaycees, Legal Advisor

Trustee Palama Settlement

Hawai'i Youth At Risk

Member **Advisory Council on Housing and Construction**
Moanalua Gardens Foundation
Filipino Chamber of Commerce

President **Hawai'i Non-profit Housing Corporation**

Biographical Data: **Birthplace: Quezon City, Philippines**
Birthdate: June 21, 1946
Married: Judy Wong Ramil
Administrative Assistant
Hawai'i Business Roundtable

Sons: Jonathan (Cal-State University, Long Beach)
Bradley (Maryknoll High School)