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**EXPERIENCE**

Sole Practitioner: 1985 - Present, Los Angeles

Takamine & Hirabayashi, Los Angeles & Santa Ana, 1984 - 1985

Sole Practitioner: Los Angeles, California 1983 - 1984

Associate: McKiernan, Gurrola, Moriwaki & Brady, Los Angeles 1982 - 1983

**CURRENT PRACTICE**

Adoption law, specializing in Dependency Adoptions. Have worked closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, Adoptions Division, since 1988, successfully completing over 8,000 adoptions. Adoption cases include private/independent, stepparent, and adult. Also handles probate legal guardianships and legal name changes.

**EDUCATION**

J.D., Hastings College of the Law; San Francisco, California, 1981

Activities: Student Coordinator of the Legal Education Opportunity Program 1980 - 1981

B.A., Sociology (Specialization in Urban Studies) University of California, Los Angeles, 1977

Honors: Dean's List

Waseda University, International Division, Tokyo, Japan 1974 - 1975

Claremont Men's College, Claremont, California 1973 - 1974

Kauai Community College, Lihu'e, Hawaii, 1971 - 1973

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Academy of California Adoption Lawyers / Academy of California Family Formation Lawyers  
1998 - Present, Former Vice-President

**HONORS**

*Star in Adoption* awarded by Olive Crest, November 10, 2011

*Foster Care Hero* awarded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, May 15, 2007