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Financial Institutions

### EDUCATION

University of Hawaii  
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Bachelor of Arts  
with distinction in History

University of Hawaii  
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Master of Arts in History

University of Hawaii  
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William S. Richardson  
School of Law  
Juris Doctor

Ms. Kutsunai is a partner with the Financial Institutions Practice Group at Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda and with a focus on representing financial institutions with commercial and construction finance and banking law.

Ms. Kutsunai received her Bachelors of Arts in History from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, graduating with distinction, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. She also received her Masters degree in History from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she served as a graduate teaching assistant for various undergraduate history classes. Ms. Kutsunai received her Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law at University of Hawaii. While attending law school, Ms. Kutsunai received the Porter Award (awarded to the student with the highest GPA in the class), the Hornbook Award (highest GPA as a 1L) and American Jurisprudence Awards in Contracts, Property, Civil Procedure and Family Law. She was a Casenote Editor of the University of Hawaii Law Review and co-author of "The Constitutionality of the Hawaii Liquor Tax Statute: Bacchus Imports, Ltd. v. Dias." She was also a teaching assistant for the appellate advocacy classes.

She is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association and the American Bar Association and is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in the State of Hawaii and also before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ms. Kutsunai assists lenders in documenting a wide variety of commercial loans, from small business loans to commercial credit facilities for investment, real estate acquisition and development. She has been involved with loans for the development of The Parkways at Maui Lani, Milo Court at Kehalani, Sunset Ridge at Waikoloa, Moana Estates, Waihonua at Kewalo, and Maui Lani Village Center, as well as the acquisition of the Hokele Suites Waikiki.

Ms. Kutsunai is active in her church, having served as a deacon and going on church missions to the Philippines and Swaziland. She has been a board member for the Board of Water Supply, the State Commission on Transportation and Hawaii International Child.