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Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs



After graduating from Roosevelt High School, Gerald obtained a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois in 1965. He was Order of the Coif and on the Law Review at Hastings College of Law where he and Wayne Kekina went to law school together. After law school, he was a law clerk for two years in the Federal District Court in San Francisco and was a grader for the California bar exam.

Gerry returned to Hawaii to join a large firm where he worked with Paul Cronin and Rick Fried. Paul, Rick and Gerry later formed their own firm in 1973 and were joined by Wayne Kekina in 1975 and David Fairbanks in 1985.

For years he has served on the Supreme Court's Circuit Court Rules Committee, Family Court Rules Committee, the Judicial Arbitration Commission, and as an ODC hearing committee member. He has been the Chairman of the Hawaii Judicial Conduct Commission since 1994 and serves on the National Advisory Committee for the Judicial Ethics Center of the American Judicature Society. Gerry is also a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, is a member of Hawaii Association for Justice, and is president of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

In 1973, Paul Cronin, Rick Fried and Gerry Sekiya started Cronin Fried Sekiya Kekina & Fairbanks. Their goal was to provide the best representation for people and families suffering serious injuries or death. That goal has been achieved with the firm receiving the highest Tier I ranking for Hawaii in U.S. News & World Reports' Best Law Firms in America. Gerry has been recognized in the Best Lawyers of America for the past 25 years and as one of this year's Lawyers of the Year. He is also a Hawaii Super Lawyers selection again for 2013.

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