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PRACTICE AREAS

Captive Insurance
Health Law
Litigation
Drug and Medical Device
Litigation and Disputes
Insurance Litigation and
Coverage
Products Liability Professional
Liability
Real Estate and Construction
Litigation

EDUCATION

Drake University Law School,
J.D., 1989
University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign, B.S., 1986

ADMISSIONS

Hawai'i
Texas
United States Supreme Court
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
State Courts of Hawai'i
State Courts of Texas
U.S. District Court of Hawai'i
U.S. District Court for
Northern and Western
Districts of Texas

ASSOCIATIONS

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David A. Gruebner concentrates his practice in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, general civil litigation and captive insurance.

David graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1986, with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy. In 1989, he received a Juris Doctor degree from Drake University Law School, where he was a staff member with the Drake Law Review.

David began his legal career with a Judicial Clerkship with the United States Bankruptcy Court in 1988 and entered the general practice of law in 1989 in Texas. After practicing for three years at Cowles Thompson, P.C., he began practicing in Hawai'i as an associate at Burke Sakai McPheeters Bordner Iwanaga & Estes, and in 1997 became a shareholder of the firm. In 2003, David joined Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher as a partner, where he expanded his practice to include complex commercial litigation. He then joined Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura in 2005, became a partner in 2011 and concentrated his practice in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, and insurance defense.

Some examples of his work include:

- **Medical Malpractice** – Represented physicians, hospitals and other healthcare providers in many areas of medical care in cases before the Medical Claims Conciliation Panel, Medical Inquiry Conciliation Panel and in Hawai'i State and Federal Courts.
- **Complex Litigation** – Represented a large religious entity in Hawai'i in nearly 100 cases of alleged sexual abuse and facilitated resolution through an omnibus mediation/litigation proceeding.
- **Complex Construction Litigation** – Represented a large Waikiki hotel in a multi-million dollar case seeking reimbursement for alleged construction defects and deficiencies.
- **Product Liability Litigation** – Represented a chemical manufacturer in a nine month jury trial involving an alleged chemical cross contamination and claimed property damage.

David has been involved in many outside legal pursuits, including serving on the Hawai'i Board of Certified Shorthand Reporters and as an officer of the Hawai'i Lawyers Softball League ("FLAB").