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Mark S. Davis is a partner in the law firm of Davis Levin Livingston in Honolulu, Hawaii. In recent years, Mr. Davis and his firm have represented plaintiffs in personal injury cases, especially medical malpractice claims against private institutions and military facilities. Mr. Davis has served as lead counsel in numerous civil rights and class action matters throughout the country and has been recognized as preeminent in his practice by his fellow attorneys in both the plaintiffs and defense bar. He is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* and was selected by *Honolulu Magazine* as a “Lawyer of the Year” in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Mr. Davis was elected a fellow of both the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is also a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and International Society of Barristers, all four of which are peer-selected legal organizations. He is one of only 100 lawyers in America and is the only practicing lawyer in Hawaii who is a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, a group for which he is the immediate past president. He is also past president of the Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii and a 20-year member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Board of Governors. In recent years, he has lectured and written on the subject of trial advocacy, and for the past 12 years, he has taught at the University of Hawaii Law School. He is a member of the Washington University School of Law National Council.

Mr. Davis graduated from Washington University School of Law in 1974. While there, he worked part time on civil rights litigation with the ACLU of Eastern Missouri. In 1973, he received a grant from the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council that took him to Honolulu to work on civil rights cases with the ACLU of Hawaii. He returned to Honolulu after graduating.

Mr. Davis also met his wife, Jane Cassell, AB '73, at Washington University, where she was a graduate student in social work at the Brown School. Their first date was at the 1972 dedication ceremony of Mudd Hall led by Chief Justice Earl Warren.