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MAOLI THURSDAY
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Repairing Breaches of Trust:
Understanding Kalima and the Efforts to Provide
Long-Awaited Redress for Hawaiian Homelands Trust Beneficiaries

October Maoli Thursday Topic Overview:

Kalima v. State of Hawai‘i was filed in December 1999 on behalf of 2700 beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. The case was filed in response to the State of Hawai‘i’s suspension of an administrative claims panel, which was created in 1991 to resolve breaches of trust by the State of Hawai‘i which occurred between 1960 and 1988. Because the State suspended the claims process, these beneficiaries – all of whom were born before 1970 – were left without legal recourse. The case is the first case to find the state of Hawai‘i liable for breaches of trust for failing to award Native Hawaiians homesteads. After a finding of liability, causation and the fact of damage in 2009, the plaintiffs have been litigating damage standards for the past five years.

Carl M. Varady has extensive experience representing clients seeking compensation for employment discrimination, sexual harassment and abuse, whistle-blower retaliation, insurance disputes, serious personal injury and disability rights, including long term disability claims. Among other matters, Mr. Varady represented an African American employee, Charles Daniels, in a race discrimination case against Lockheed Martin, the world’s largest defense contractor, that resulted in payment of a $2.5 million settlement—the largest individual settlement in a race discrimination case recorded by the EEOC. Among other cases of significance, Mr. Varady currently represents class members in a class action on behalf of 2,721 beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust seeking damages (Kalima v. State) and has represented plaintiffs in a federal class action enforcing the rights of Hawaii’s disabled students (Felix v. Waihee). Mr. Varady has been practicing law for 25 years. Prior to starting his own firm, Mr. Varady served as a staff attorney in the Hawai‘i Senate, as the Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai‘i and as a staff attorney for the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation.

Thomas Grande is the principal of Grande Law Offices, where he represents consumers in class action litigation in state and federal court and relators under the state and federal false claims act. Mr. Grande is a 1985 graduate of the Richardson School of Law, where he won the Susan McKay Memorial Moot Court Award. After law school, he was a clerk with the Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court and was an associate and partner in Davis Levin Livingston Grande for twenty years before starting his own firm. He is a Co-Founding Editor and Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the Survey of State Class Action Law, published by the American Bar Association and reprinted in Newberg on Class Actions and Consumer Class Actions. In 2008, he received the Dean’s Alumnus of the Year Award and in 2012 received the Alumni of the Year Award from the Advocates for Public Interest Law.

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