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Iris Okawa is Vice President/Senior Fiduciary Leader at Bank of Hawaii. She manages the Estate Settlement Division of the Trust Group and also serves as a Relationship Manager for high net worth clients.

Prior to joining Bank of Hawaii, Iris was in private practice as an attorney, having worked at a Tokyo law firm during the Bubble Period. She returned to Hawaii and joined Carlsmith Ball in Honolulu where she specialized in commercial transactions. She joined Shim Tam Kirimitsu as a partner with a concentration in business and commercial law, and later moved her practice to the Pacific Law Group. Ms. Okawa formed her own firm in 2004. She enjoyed practice among a variety of clients, many of them business owners from the Honolulu community and investors from Japan. Among the most fun and satisfying experiences in law were working on international licenses and joint ventures in Tokyo (Mitsui Oil and Conoco Oil), working with Square USA on the digitally animated film "Final Fantasy", and working with shareholders from Hawaii, US and Germany to establish, operate, and eventually sell an Insurance company.

Prior to her legal career, Ms. Okawa worked in the publishing and printing business in San Francisco and as an English teacher in Japan. She holds a Master's degree in education and a JD degree from the Richardson School of Law.

Ms. Okawa is active in community service and served on the Honolulu Liquor Commission, the Hawaii Real Estate Commission, and the Aloha Tower Development Corporation. She is currently a trustee on the board of the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation and is on the Leadership Council of the American Diabetes Association.