

Congressman Ed Case

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Biography

Summary

Congressman Ed Case was born and raised on the Island of Hawai i. He attended Hilo public schools, and graduated from Hawai'i Preparatory Academy in Kamuela, Williams College in Massachusetts, and Hastings Law School in San Francisco. Before law school, he worked for three years in Congress for Congressman and Senator Spark Matsunaga. After law school, he was law clerk to Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice William Richardson, and then worked for twenty years as associate, partner and managing partner of the Carlsmith Ball law firm in Honolulu. He served eight years in the Hawai'i State House of Representatives from 1994 to 2002, including two years as majority leader. He was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2002, and currently serves on the House Budget, Agriculture and Small Business Committees. He is 53 years old, and is married to the former Audrey Nakamura. They have four children ages 22 to 15, and live in Kane'ohe.

Extended

Congressman Ed Case was born and raised in Hilo, Hawai'i on September 27, 1952. He is the fourth generation of his family in Hawai'i.

He attended Waiakea-Kai and Keaukaha Elementary Schools in Hilo and graduated in 1970 from Hawai'i Preparatory Academy in Kamuela, Hawai'i. Case majored in psychology and graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. After graduation, Case went to Washington, D.C. and worked three years (1975-1978) for Spark Matsunaga, who was then one of Hawai'i's U.S. Representatives and Senators.

Following his Washington experience, Congressman Case earned his Juris Doctor from the University of California/Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1981. Returning to Hawai'i, he served as law clerk to Hawai'i Supreme Court Chief Justice William Richardson. He went on to work for twenty years as an associate, partner, and managing partner with the law firm of Carlsmith Ball in Honolulu.

His career as an elected public servant began with his service on the Manoa Neighborhood Board in Honolulu from 1985 to 1989, including two years as chair. In 1994, he was elected as a State Representative to Hawai'i's legislature. He served four two-year terms until November 2002, including service as House Majority Leader from 1999-2000.

Congressman Case was elected to represent the Second Congressional District in a special election on November 30, 2002 to complete the remainder of the late Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink's term of office. On January 4, 2003, he won a second special election to fill the full, two-year term left vacant by Congresswoman Mink. Congressman Case was re-elected to the 109th Congress, his second full term, in November 2004.

In the U.S. House, he is a member of the Committee on Budget, Committee on Agriculture, and Committee on Small Business.

Congressman Case is married to the former Audrey Nakamura. They have four children, and live in Kane'ohe, Hawai'i.