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Overview

David is an associate in the Litigation Department at Cades Schutte.

Before joining the firm, David served for four years as a military attorney in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. He advised on international and intelligence law in support of joint operations throughout the Pacific theater, including time stationed overseas. In this role, he counseled senior leaders on strategic decision-making, international agreements, and sensitive internal investigations.

David later transitioned to litigation within the JAG Corps, serving as an Army prosecutor. He tried numerous criminal cases in federal court, including a double-homicide case that received national media coverage. He also served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, prosecuting dozens of civilian criminal matters.

David earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the William S. Richardson School of Law. During law school, he served as a judicial extern to the Honorable James H. Ashford of the First Circuit Court of Hawai i and worked as a research assistant to Professor John Barkai. He also interned with a U.S. Department of Defense Office of General Counsel branch.

David received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Dominican University of California and is a graduate of Saint Louis School.

Noteworthy

Experience

- U.S. Army JAG Corps, 2021 – 2025

Practices & Industries

Litigation

Credentials

Education

- JD (2021), William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai i, *cum laude*

- BA in Political Science (2018), Dominican University of California, *cum laude*

Admission

- Hawai i State Bar (2021)

Membership

- Hawai i State Bar Association

Publications

- "Military Rules of Evidence Handbook with Common Objections & Evidentiary Foundations," (April 2025) (Co-Author).