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Overview

As an associate in the Litigation Department, Jake practices in the areas of environmental law, land use, and commercial litigation.

Prior to joining Cades Schutte, Jake spent ten years serving on active duty in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, four years as an associate in the New York office of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, and a year as a law clerk in federal district court.

As a Navy judge advocate, Jake's primary assignments were as the legal counsel to the Hawai'i-based submarine force, as head of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Legal Assistance office, and as an advisor to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy on administrative law matters, including government ethics, officer promotions, and legal ethics/attorney misconduct. He also litigated administrative personnel proceedings as both defense and government-side counsel, advised on punitive proceedings under UCMJ Article 15, presided over summary courts-martial and felony preliminary hearings, and served in Guam as environmental counsel to Commander, Joint Task Force Micronesia and Commander, Joint Region Marianas.

At Cravath, Jake practiced in the areas of antitrust law, securities law and commercial litigation. His noteworthy matters included representing a credit card company in major antitrust cases brought by federal and state governments and private retailer plaintiffs, and representing an investment bank in actions relating to residential mortgage-backed securities.

Jake holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Biology and Society and History from Cornell University; a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia University School of Law; and a Master of Laws degree from William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i specializing in both Environmental Law and Ocean Law and Policy. Jake continues to serve as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Noteworthy

Practices & Industries

Environmental

Land Use, Zoning & Entitlements

- Land Use Violations & Disputes

Litigation

Water Resources

Experience

- U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, Lieutenant Commander (Active Duty 2015-2025, Reserve 2025-present)
- Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Associate (2010-2015)

Awards

- HSBA Leadership Institute, Fellow, 2026
- Navy Awards: Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards); Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards); National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Rifle Sharpshooter Ribbon; Pistol Sharpshooter Ribbon

Community Involvement

- Mānoa Youth Baseball League, Coach (2022-present)
- Congregation Sof Ma'arav

Credentials

Education

- LL.M. with double specialization in Environmental Law and Ocean Law & Policy (2022), William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i
- J.D. (2009), Columbia University School of Law, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- B.A. with double major in Biology & Society and History (2004), Cornell University (College of Arts & Sciences), Dean's List

Admissions

- Hawai'i (2025)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i (2025)
- U.S. Supreme Court (2018)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2012)
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (2011)
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2011)
- New York (2010)

Membership

- Hawai'i State Bar Association (2025)

Clerkship

- U.S. District Judge Tucker L. Melançon, Eastern District of New York (2009-2010)

Publications

- "Can't Stop Snitchin: Criminalizing Threats Made in Stop Snitching Media under the True Threats Exception to the First Amendment," *Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts* (2008) (student note)