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PARTNER

Lisa advises clients in the areas of real estate development, commercial leasing, purchase and sale transactions, and financing.

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Overview

Lisa advises clients in the areas of real estate development, commercial leasing, purchase and sale transactions, and financing.

Lisa assists clients in navigating Hawai'i's complex real property laws. She represents developers, land owners, and tenants in the leasing, acquisition, purchase and sale, and development of commercial real estate.

Prior to joining Cades Schutte, Lisa served as a law clerk to then-Associate Justice Mark E. Recktenwald of the Supreme Court of Hawai'i. She obtained her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and earned her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Active in the community, Lisa currently serves on the board of the Hawai'i Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. She previously served on the board of NAIOP Hawai'i, the Teach for America-Hawai'i Regional Advisory Board, and the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business & Leadership Advisory Board. She is a member of *Hawaii Business Magazine*'s 20 for the Next 20 Class of 2020, which honors 20 people expected to have an important and positive impact on Hawai'i over the next two decades, *Pacific Business News*' 40 under 40 Class of 2016, which recognizes young business leaders in the state of Hawai'i, and a member of the Pacific Century Fellows Class of 2016.

Noteworthy

Experience

- Represented seller in one of the largest land sales in state history, selling 41,000 acres of former sugar fields on Maui for $262 million to a pension fund-backed agribusiness
- Represented buyer in connection with the acquisition and redevelopment of a 329,270 sq. ft. shopping center on Kaua'i
- Represented buyer in connection with the acquisition of a multi-million dollar industrial property

Practices & Industries

Banks & Financial Institutions

Coronavirus Response

Finance

Hospitality & Retail

Land Use, Zoning & Entitlements

- Land Use Violations & Disputes

Real Estate

- Condominiums & Planned Development
- Real Estate Transactions

- Represented lender in connection with a $35 milliion term loan secured by a shopping center
- Represented seller in connection with the disposition of Waikiki properties
- Represented landlords and tenants in connection with the leasing of shopping centers and office space

Awards

- Listed in *Best Lawyers*®, since 2021
- *Hawaii Business Magazine*, "20 for the Next 20" Class of 2020
- Listed in *Super Lawyers*® Rising Stars, 2021
- *Pacific Business News* "40 Under 40" Class of 2016
- Pacific Century Fellows, Class of 2015 – 2016
- HSBA Leadership Institute, Fellow, 2012

Community Involvement

- Teach for America-Hawai'i, Regional Advisory Board Member (2016-2019)
- Patsy T. Mink, Center for Business & Leadership, Advisory Board Member (2015-2016)
- Punahou Alumni Association Hawai'i Chapter, Board Member (2016)

Credentials

Education

- J.D. (2008), William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, *cum laude*
- B.A., Communications (2004), University of Pennsylvania, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Hawai'i State Bar (2008)
- United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i (2008)

Membership

- Hawaii State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Hawai'i Chapter, Past President and current Board Member
- NAIOP Hawai'i, Board Member (2019-2022)
- American Judicature Society, Hawai'i Chapter, Special Committee on Discovery, Member (2011)

Clerkship

- Intermediate Court of Appeals and Hawai'i Supreme Court, Law Clerk to the Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald (2008-2009)

Publications

- "Overview of Hawai'i Commercial leasing Practice: General Provisions" *Hawai'i Real Estate Manual, Volume IV* (Co-Author)

Speaking Engagements

- "Thrive in the Fourth Trimester," *Hawaii Business Magazine* Wahine Forum (October 27, 2022) (Panelist)
- "Trailblazers on the Federal Bench: The First Fifteen," NAPABA-Hawaii and Hawaii State Bar Foundation (May 31, 2022) (Moderator)
- "Legislative Update," Hawai'i State Bar Association Real Property Financial Services Section (2016)
- "Real Estate Transactions 101," Hawai'i State Bar Association (2015)
- "Legislative Update," Hawai'i State Bar Association Real Property Financial Services Section (2014)
- "Legislative Update," Hawai'i State Bar Association Real Property Financial Services Section (2012)