



## Nathan T. Okubo

### PARTNER

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## Overview

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Nathan was Editor-in-Chief of the University of Hawai'i Law Review from 2005 to 2006. He was also active in moot court, serving as a member of the Moot Court Board and member of the Law School's 2006 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team, whose memorials (legal briefs) were judged best in the United States and second in the world.

Nathan has received numerous awards throughout his career including as 2024 Lawyer of the Year in Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) by *The Best Lawyers in America*®, *Chambers & Partners USA Guide in Real Estate*, *Hawaii Business Magazine's* "20 for the Next 20," and *Pacific Business News's* "40 Under 40."

## Noteworthy

## Awards

- *Best Lawyers*® Lawyer of the Year, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Honolulu, 2024
- Listed in *Best Lawyers*®, since 2018
- Certificate of Recognition from the City and County of Honolulu
- Listed in *Chambers & Partners*, USA Guide, since 2020
- *Hawaii Business Magazine*, "20 for the Next 20" Class of 2018
- *Pacific Business News*, "40 Under 40" Class of 2015
- *Super Lawyers*®, since 2023, Rising Stars, 2017-2021

## Practices & Industries

**Agriculture & Food Distribution**

**Banks & Financial Institutions**

**Coronavirus Response**

**Corporate & Business**

**Energy**

**Finance**

**Hospitality & Retail**

**Land Use, Zoning & Entitlements**

- Historic Preservation & Native Hawaiian Rights
- Land Use Violations & Disputes

**Real Estate**

- Condominiums & Planned Development
- Real Estate Disputes
- Real Estate Transactions

## Community Involvement

- Hawaii Children's Discovery Center, Board Member
- Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, Corporate Board Member
- Urban Land Institute, Hawai'i Chapter, Young Leaders Group Executive Committee, former Member
- Council Reapportionment Commission of the City and County of Honolulu, Commissioner (2011)
- Charter Commission of the City and County of Honolulu, Commissioner (2015-2016)
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Hawai'i Chapter, Past President
- Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), Former Board Member
- The GIFT Foundation of Hawai'i, Former Board Member
- 2017 Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission, Commissioner
- CCIM, Hawai'i Chapter, Board Member (2019-2020)
- National Association of Property Tax Attorneys (NAPTA), Former Member
- Waialae Country Club By-Laws Committee, Member

## Credentials

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### Education

- J.D. (2006), William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i
- B.S., Santa Clara University, Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*

### Admissions

- Hawai'i State Bar (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i

### Membership

- Hawaii State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

## Publications

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- "Volunteering on Government Boards Yields Emotional, Intellectual and Professional Rewards," *Hawaii Business Magazine* (July 2021 issue) (Interviewed)
- "Navigating a Unique Landscape: 10 Reasons You Need a Real Estate Attorney," *ke kumu* (Winter 2016) (Author)
- "General Drafting Information", Chapter 3, *Hawaii Conveyance Manual, 5th Edition* (2010) (Co-Author)
- "Overview of Hawai'i Commercial Leasing Practice: General Provisions", Chapter 1, *Hawaii*

*Real Estate Law Manual, Volume IV* (Co-Author)

## Speaking Engagements

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- “Fine Tune Your Negotiation Skills,” Hawaii Business Leadership Conference (July 25, 2019) (Panelist)
- “Commercial Real Estate Panel Seminar,” *Pacific Business News* (September 25, 2015) (Panelist)
- “Legislative Update 2015,” Real Property and Financial Services Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association (July 22, 2015) (Panelist)