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Overview

Rio concentrates his practice on commercial and residential real estate transactions, commercial real estate finance, commercial leasing, and project development. Rio also has experience with representing business entities in mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions and counseling business entities and their owners on various governance matters.

Rio received his law degree, *cum laude*, from the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i. During law school, Rio served as a judicial extern to Judge Richard R. Clifton, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Associate Justice Sabrina S. McKenna, Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i. He also served as a staff writer on the University of Hawaii Law Review and competed on the Jessup International Law Moot Court Team.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Rio is a graduate of President William McKinley High School.

Noteworthy

Awards

- Listed in *Best Lawyers*® Ones to Watch, Real Estate Law, Honolulu, 2027
- 2025 Fellow in the HSBA's 17th Annual Leadership Institute

Community Involvement

- Palama Settlement, Trustee
- Na Hoaloha O McKinley, President
- McKinley High School Foundation, Secretary and Director
- McKinley Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team, Assistant Coach

Practices & Industries

Corporate & Business

- Business Organizations
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Finance

Real Estate

- Real Estate Transactions

Credentials

Education

- J.D. (2018), William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, *cum laude*
- B.A. (2015), English and Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- California State Bar (2025)
- Hawai'i State Bar (2018)

Membership

- California State Bar Association
- Hawaii State Bar Association

Publications

- "Resolving the Legal Status of Dokdo/Takeshima: Why Joint Referral to the International Court of Justice is a Realistic Approach", *University of Hawaii Law Review* (2018) (Author)