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Overview

Trisha is a partner in the Litigation Department of Cades Schutte. Her practice areas include the defense of medical malpractice claims, personal injury, and insurance litigation in state and federal courts, and the representation of physicians in administrative disciplinary matters. She represents many of the State's major private hospitals and medical centers, physicians, and other health care providers. Trisha has represented numerous clients in alternative dispute resolution and has assisted lead counsel in trying medical malpractice cases to verdict.

Trisha is included in the publication of *Best Lawyers in America*. She was recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* as "Lawyer of the Year" in 2026 for Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Trisha was also named by *Best Lawyers in America* as "Lawyer of the Year" in 2025 for Litigation – Insurance, in Honolulu, Hawai'i. She has been listed in *Chambers & Partners*, USA Guide, since 2023.

Trisha obtained her B.A. in Speech, with distinction, from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in 2006. She was a member of the University of Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine basketball team and achieved numerous academic accolades as a student-athlete. Trisha received her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, in 2010. While in law school, she received the Bernard Levinson Memorial Award for the Best Constitutional Law Second-Year Seminar Paper, and served as a Technical Editor for the University of Hawai'i Law Review. As a law student, Trisha also served as a Judicial Extern to the Honorable Leslie E. Kobayashi of the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i.

Prior to joining Cades Schutte, Trisha served as a law clerk to Associate Justice James E. Duffy, Jr. of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court. Trisha is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, and is admitted to practice before all Hawai'i courts and the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i.

Practices & Industries

Employment Law & Labor Relations

Health Care

Insurance Coverage & Defense

Litigation

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Disputes

Professional Liability

Noteworthy

Awards

- Listed in *Benchmark Litigation*, Future Star, Hawaii, 2026
- *Best Lawyers*® Lawyer of the Year, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, Honolulu, 2026
- *Best Lawyers*® Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Insurance, Honolulu, 2025
- Listed in *Chambers & Partners*, USA Guide, since 2023
- Listed in *Best Lawyers*®, since 2021
- Listed in *Super Lawyers*®, Rising Stars, 2017-2020

Credentials

Education

- J.D. (2010), William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i
- B.A. (2006) in Speech, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, with distinction

Admissions

- Hawai'i State Bar (2010)
- United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i (2010)

Membership

- Hawaii State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) National Trial College, Fellow
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Permanent Committee on Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure and Circuit Court Civil Rules