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## Areas of Practice

Corporate and Business Law  
Educational Institutions Law  
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Pension and Employee Benefits  
Tax Law

## Trever K. Asam

### *Partner*

Trever is a partner at Cades Schutte. He represents taxpayers in tax controversies and disputes with the IRS and the Hawaii State Department of Taxation.

He handles audits, administrative appeals, and litigation in both the federal and state courts, including the courts of appeal. Trever also advises nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations on issues including obtaining tax exemption, addressing unrelated business income, and using joint ventures and subsidiary organizations. He currently serves as the firm's pro bono coordinator.

He is a regular speaker on Hawaii State taxation and the taxation of nonprofit organizations. Prior to joining Cades Schutte, Trever was in private practice at Miller & Chevalier in Washington, D.C. and clerked for Judge Susan Oki Mollway at the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii.

While at Duke University School of Law, Trever was the recipient of the Douglas A. Poe Mordecai Scholarship and an editor for the *Journal of Law and Contemporary Problems*. Before beginning his legal career, Trever was a teacher in the District of Columbia Public Schools.

### EXPERIENCE

- Represented international manufacturer in Hawaii General Excise Tax audit and administrative appeal
- Represented national bank in successful appeal of Hawaii General Excise Tax audit
- Represented Hawaii corporation before IRS Appeals office resulting in substantial reduction of federal tax liability
- Represented individual taxpayer in U.S. Court of Federal Claims to pursue significant refund claim

### EDUCATION

- J.D. (2004), Duke University School of Law
- B.A. (1998), Yale University

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- Pacific Business News' Forty Under 40 Class of 2015
- 2014 Hawaii State Bar Association Leadership Institute
- 2011 B Corp Champion Award for advocacy on behalf of Sustainable Business Corporation legislation
- 2003 Second Prize in Theodore Tannenwald Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship Writing Competition

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#### ADMISSIONS

- Hawaii State Bar (2004)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Hawaii

#### MEMBERSHIPS

- Hawaii State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- 2014 HSBA Leadership Institute
- Board of Directors, Punahou Alumni Association
- Advisory Board, Teach For America Hawaii

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