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## Laura P. Moritz

### Of Counsel

Laura Moritz is a seasoned litigation attorney with experience in California and Hawai`i before both state and federal courts. Her significant experience in a variety of jurisdictions creates a valuable advantage when determining the best legal strategies, and offers a particular advantage for clients with business interests throughout the Pacific. Laura also handles sensitive matters for high-profile clients with low-profile concerns. This part of her practice involves advising individuals on real estate transactions, general financial management & estate planning, personal service contracts, and privacy.

Laura's 20 years of litigation work includes real estate disputes, "business divorces" and environmental litigation. Laura is proud that most of her cases are resolved amicably in settlement, saving the client the stress and expense of litigation. However, sometimes they don't, such as in *Unite Here! Local 5 v. City and County of Honolulu* (2010), where she prevailed at the Hawai`i Supreme Court and forced the Turtle Bay Resort to update its 25-year-old environmental study before proceeding with a proposed expansion. The decision helped pave the way for the 600+ acre Conservation Easement at and around the resort, which closed in late 2015.

Prior to AHFI, Laura was a senior litigation associate at Pinto & Dubia, LLP in Irvine, California. She earned her law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and her bachelor's degree at the University of California at Berkeley.

Laura resides on the North Shore of Oahu with her husband and young daughter. She serves on the board of directors of the Kokua Hawai`i Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai`i. She likes to surf, spend time at the beach and in her garden.

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### Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Appellate Practice

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Complex Commercial Litigation  
Corporate and Business  
Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy  
Environment, Cultural & Natural Resources  
Litigation  
Mortgage Banking Law  
Real Estate  
Real Estate and Title Litigation

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*Admitted to Practice*

Hawai`i  
California (inactive)  
U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai`i  
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California  
U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal

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*Affiliations*

American Bar Association  
Hawaii State Bar Association  
California Bar Association  
Hawai`i Women Lawyers  
North Shore Community Land Trust  
Kokua Hawai`i Foundation, Board of Directors  
Hawai`i State Bar Association, MCLE Board of Directors

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*Education*

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (J.D. 1996)  
University of California at Berkeley (B.A. 1991)