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Claire Wong Black

Director

Claire Wong Black resolves disputes. Her practice focuses on litigation, arbitration, and efficient resolution of complex commercial matters. She handles all aspects of litigation—from pre-suit investigations to large-scale electronic discovery to post-judgment enforcement—and has argued successfully before the Hawai`i Supreme Court. Claire also provides crisis management and legal and strategic advice to corporate clients. In addition to commercial litigation, Claire maintains a substantial civil rights practice focused on public interest impact litigation.

She was raised in Honolulu, Hawai`i and is a graduate of Punahou School and the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa. Claire obtained a degree in piano performance from the Manhattan School of Music and her juris doctor from Fordham University. She began her legal career at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal (now known as Dentons) in New York City, litigating for and against Fortune 500 companies for five years before returning home to join Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing in 2011.

Claire is an officer of the Federal Bar Association, Hawai`i chapter, and a 2016 Hawai`i State Bar Association Leadership Institute Fellow. In 2015, she received Hawai`i Appleseed's Voices for the People Award in recognition of her public interest advocacy on behalf of underserved populations.

Practice Areas

- Administrative
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Antitrust
- Appellate Practice
- Business Advice and Counseling
- Class Actions
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Constitutional and Civil Rights
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation

Litigation and Regulatory Compliance
Products Liability

Admitted to Practice

Hawai`i
New York
U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai`i
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
U.S. Supreme Court

Awards and Recognition

Super Lawyers (2014 – 2016)

- Rising Star 2014

Affiliations

Hawaii State Bar Association
Federal Bar Association
Federal Bar Council
Asian American Bar Association of New York
National LGBT Bar Association

Education

Fordham University School of Law, New York (J.D., 2006)
Manhattan School of Music (B.Mus., 2002)
University of Hawai`i (B.A., 1998)