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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.

Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate Practice

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

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

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

Education

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