



John S. Rhee

Director

John Rhee is a problem solver who helps companies and employers win disputes or effectively resolve them. He handles all aspects of litigation, from discovery to mapping trial strategy, as well as appellate practice. His clients have ranged from Fortune 500 companies to low-income residents of housing projects and his experience covers a number of industries, including real estate, healthcare, finance and telecommunications.

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Prior to AHFI, John worked in litigation practices in law firms on the mainland — first with Hale and Dorr (now known as WilmerHale), and then with Hinshaw & Culberston. He obtained a B.A. in history from Yale College, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Kevin Nathaniel Fox in the Southern District of New York immediately after law school.

Practice Areas

Antitrust
Appellate Practice
Class Actions
Complex Commercial Litigation
Constitutional and Civil Rights
Construction
Employment Claims
Employment Law
Intellectual Property
Litigation

Admitted to Practice

Hawai`i
U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai`i
Illinois (inactive)
New York (inactive)
Massachusetts (inactive)

Awards and Recognition

- 2015 Hawai`i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice “Voice of the People” Award for representing low-income residents.
- 2015 Hawai`i Access to Justice Commission’s Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award
- Pacific Business News Forty Under 40 Class of 2013

Affiliations

Hawaii State Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
American Bar Association
Federal Bar Association
President, Korean American Bar Association of Hawai`i
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Education

- Columbia Law School (J.D.)
- Journal of Law and Social Problems. Published Note: “Bilingual Education and Models of Citizenship.”
 - Participant, Political Asylum Workshop
 - Participant, Moot Court
- Yale College (B.A.)
- Recipient of a Mellon Fund Grant to conduct thesis research: U.S. Armed Forces in Korea, 1945-48: Post-war Administrative Struggles Amidst a Nascent Cold War.

Publications

Co-author, “Anticompetitive Conduct: Price Fixing and Enforcement of the Antitrust Laws in the Dairy Industry,” Bloomberg Law Reports, Antitrust and Trade, Volume 4, No. 4, February 21, 2011, with Alan I. Greene.

Co-author, “Franchise Disputes,” Chapter 15 in Business Torts in Massachusetts, ed. Laurence H. Reece III (Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc., 2002), with George W. Mykulak.