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Erika L. Amatore

Director

Erika's litigation practice is broad and varied, ranging from real property disputes to federal tax appeals to internal investigations. In all her cases, Erika looks for the best, most efficient resolution for her clients.

Some examples of Erika's work include: investigating a long-term fraud scheme perpetrated by a trusted employee against a Fortune 500 company, resulting in felony charges against the employee and security enhancements for the company; defending a high-profile CPA in a federal tax fraud investigation; repossessing fixed- and rotor-wing aircraft on behalf of multiple creditors; settling a land use dispute between a residential developer and the County of Maui; representing a class of landowners in a fraudulent transfer action against an Illinois banker, resulting in a \$54 million jury verdict; protecting a small business owner from a large point-of-sale company that not only failed to supply adequate security to prevent credit card theft, but also attempted to blame the business owner for his losses; and assisting nonprofits to obtain 501(c)(3) status from the IRS.

Erika received her B.A. from the University of Victoria in her hometown of Victoria, British Columbia. She received her J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she was a Casenotes Editor for the University of Hawai'i Law Review. Prior to joining AHFI, Erika was a Partner and the Litigation Practice Group Leader at Carlsmith Ball LLP.

Admitted to Practice

Hawai'i
U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i
U.S. Court of Appeals for Ninth Circuit
U.S. Tax Court

Awards and Recognition

Hawai'i Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Affiliations

Hawai'i State Bar Association
American Bar Association
Federal Bar Association

Education

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i (J.D.)
University of Victoria, Victoria, BC (B.A.)