

Craig Nakanishi concentrates his practice in the areas of energy, public utilities, and business and real property transactions.

- **Energy:** Represents and advises clients in the alternative/renewable energy, petroleum, and electric industries on a wide variety of matters including purchase power negotiations, capital projects, fuel contracts, financing matters, infrastructure, legislation, and administrative proceedings and investigations. Advised clients on internal resource and management issues, corporate governance and reorganization matters and general corporate matters.
- **Public Utilities:** Represent and advise public utility companies and common carriers providing electric, water, petroleum, telecommunication and transportation services in rate, regulatory and other administrative proceedings, appeals from administrative decisions, on state and federal laws regulating utilities, in contract negotiations, and on general corporate issues. Provides guidance and advice in the formulation of strategic planning frameworks, regulatory frameworks, case management, regulatory interaction and government affairs.
- **Business and Real Property:** Represents and advise clients:
 - in the acquisition or divestiture of capital stock or assets of various businesses including, for example, retail, restaurant, manufacturing, distribution, and professional operations; public utilities; technology operation; airlines, and dealerships and franchises.
 - in transactions involving the purchase, sale or leasing of real property including hotels, shopping centers and other commercial buildings.
 - in a diverse array of contracts, involving technology development, manufacturing, wholesale, retail, operating, distribution, franchising, leasing, and consulting arrangements covering a variety of goods and services.
 - before government agencies of the State of Hawaii including commissions, departments and administrative boards in the registration, licensing and permitting of business operations in the State.

Education

University of California at Davis,
J.D. (Order of the Coif)
University of Hawaii,
B.B.A. (with distinction)

Practice Areas

Energy
Public Utilities
Business and Real Property

Admitted to Practice

U.S. District Court of Hawaii
State Courts of Hawaii
and California

**Civic and Professional
Activities and Honors**

Rotary Club of Honolulu
Family Programs of Hawaii
High Technology Development Corp
Hawaii Strategic Development Corp
Hawaii and California Bar Assoc.
Nat'l Asian Pacific American Bar Assoc.
Best Lawyers in America – Energy
2008 - 2015



Prior to joining Cades Schutte in 2015, Mr. Nakanishi practiced law with the Los Angeles office of Jones Day, and was also a partner at the law firm of Goodsill Anderson, Quinn & Stifel, a partner at the law firm of Catalani Nakanishi & Caliboso, and a partner with the law firm of Rush Moore. Mr. Nakanishi served as law clerk to the Honorable Robert Boochever of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. While at the University of California at Davis, Mr. Nakanishi served on the law school admissions committee, tutored civil procedure, and was a member of the UC Davis Law Review, Order of the Coif, and Asian Law Students Association.

Mr. Nakanishi is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation, Director of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, Director Emeritus and past President of Family Programs of Hawaii, Member and past Director for the Rotary Club of Honolulu. Mr. Nakanishi was also previously a Director and Past President of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii and a Director of the Friends of Family Specialty Courts. Mr. Nakanishi is named in the Best Lawyers in America – Energy for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, Super Lawyers 2014.

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To enhance organizational effectiveness through the development and implementation of strategies that integrate people, processes and profits in the energy sector.

COMPENTENCIES

Organizational Effectiveness: Formulating innovative solutions to complex problems with a record of consensus building amid the intricacies of regulatory, political, and business environments.

Strategic Integration: Providing Strategic advice to local, national, and multi-national entities on financing, operations, governance, reorganization, external environments, corporate culture, and opportunity evaluation.

Energy Sector Knowledge: Navigating complex matters in petroleum, utility, and alternative energy industries, including negotiating energy and fuel transactions, Hawaii Public Utility Commission proceedings, project financing, legislation, and investigations.

Project Experience includes:

- Developing governmental and regulatory strategies for over \$1 billion in projects
- Managing over \$10 billion in complex commercial negotiations and transactions
- Transforming a volunteer organization to a \$4.5 million on-going operation
- Launching own law firm and on the management committee for midsize law firm
- Building numerous relationships with government officials, decision makers, and stakeholders for the benefit of clients

Recognized among **Best Lawyers in America – Energy** 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015; Super Lawyers 2014

EMPLOYMENT

Cades Schutte, Of Counsel (2015-Present)

Rush Moore LLP, Partner (2003-2015)

Catalani, Nakanishi & Caliboso LLP, Founding Partner (1998-2003)

Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, Partner (1994-1998), Associate (1988-1990, 1992-1994)

Jones Day Reavis & Pogue, Associate, (1987-1988, 1990-1992)

United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert Boochever (1986-1987)

CIVIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (partial list)

High Technology Development Corporation, Director

Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, Ex-Officio Director

Rotary Club of Honolulu, (Past Director and Club Secretary)

Family Programs of Hawaii, (Director Emeritus and Past President and Director)

Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii, (Past President and Director)

Friends of Family Specialty Courts (Past Director)

Pro Bono Counsel for various organizations

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

University of California at Davis, J.D. (Order of the Coif), [REDACTED]

University of Hawaii at Manoa, B.B.A. (accounting with distinction) (Beta Alpha Psi), [REDACTED]

Licensed Attorney, California 1986, Hawaii [REDACTED]

Passed the CPA exam, [REDACTED]

REFERENCES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST