



June 30, 2025

Via email only: crystalline.pacheco@hawaiicounty.gov

Ms. Diane Nakagawa, Director of Finance
County of Hawaii

RE: Notice to Providers of Professional Services
FN.8 Attorney (Bond Counsel)

Dear Ms. Nakagawa:

This letter responds to the recent Notice to Providers of Professional Services. Should the need arise, attorneys in our Firm are interested in being selected by the County of Hawaii to provide bond counsel services.

We provide the following information to address the specific requirements of the Notice:

- 1. Information about McCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON LLP (“M4” or the “Firm”).** M4’s principal place of business is Five Waterfront Plaza, Suite 400, 500 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawai’i 96813. We also have an office on Kauai, located at 4463 Pahe’e Street, Suite 207, Lihue, Hawai’i 96766. The telephone number for the main office is 808.529.7300 and for the Kauai office is 808.632.2267. Our email address for general inquiries is info@m4law.com.
- 2. Age of the firm and average number of employees over the past five years.** The firm was founded May 1, 1989. Over the last five years McCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON LLP has had an average of approximately thirty-three attorneys supported by a staff of approximately 20 secretaries, legal assistants, litigation assistants, and others.
- 3. Education, training, and qualifications of key members of the firm.** Our enclosed Firm Brochure contains short summaries of the qualifications and representative cases of our attorneys.
- 4. Recent projects and clients.** Attorneys Brian T. Hirai and Darren L. Nunn have represented various entities, including State and county agencies, in recently closed public financing transactions that we believe provide a good representation of the Firm’s work and capacity as bond counsel:
 1. \$171.875 Million Public Finance Authority Student Housing Revenue Bonds (CHF-Manoa, L.L.C. UH Residences for Graduate Students) Senior Series 2023A

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and Subordinate Series 2023B. Served as special counsel to the University of Hawaii (ground lessor) for this new money issue of revenue bonds. Sale Date: September 2023. Client Contact: Jesse Souki, Associate General Counsel, University of Hawaii (808-956-6160).

2. \$72.815 Million Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A (Sustainability Bonds). Served as counsel to BofA Securities, Inc. and Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as underwriters, in connection with this new money issue of revenue bonds. Sale Date: March 2024. Client Contact: Frank Laurterbur, Managing Director, BofA Securities, Inc. (213-345-9575).
3. \$35.73 Million Department of Budget and Finance of the State of Hawaii Special Purposes Refunding Revenue Bonds (Hawaii Pacific University Project) Series 2024. Served as special counsel to Hawaii Pacific University in connection with this refunding issue of special purpose revenue bonds. Sale Date: June 2024. Client Contact: Erika Strawn, Associate General Counsel, Hawaii Pacific University (808-544-0296).
4. \$56.64 Million County of Kauai General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024. Served as bond counsel to the County of Kauai in connection with this refunding issue of general obligation bonds. Sale Date: December 2024. Client Contact: Matthew Bracken, County Attorney, County of Kauai (808-241-4930).
5. \$142.14 Million County of Hawaii General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025. Served as bond counsel to the County of Hawaii in connection with this new money issue of general obligation bonds. Sale Date: April 2025.

5. Promotional material. A copy of our Firm Brochure is enclosed.

Thank you for your consideration. I encourage you to visit our website at www.m4law.com and contact me at 529-7303 should you require any additional information.

Very truly yours,

McCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MacKINNON LLP



Stephen S. Holmes, Managing Director

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Introduction To McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP

McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon's professionals carry on Statewide and international practices from their offices in Honolulu. The Firm is comprised of lawyers whose practices and reputations are well established and highly regarded in Hawai'i and other areas of the Pacific Rim. The Firm represents clients in major business transactions and in litigation throughout the State.

The Firm's principal practice groups concentrate in the areas of Real Estate, Litigation, Real Estate Finance, Hospitality Industry matters, Corporate, Government Regulation and Relations, Insurance Defense, Insurance Law, Health Care and Public Finance. A significant number of the Firm's lawyers also are involved in international transactions representing Japanese, Hong Kong and Korean companies and individuals in the U.S., and U.S. companies involved in projects in China, Vietnam, Singapore, Australia, and other countries in Asia.

Areas of Practice

Real Estate

The real estate practice group works on a full range of transactions involving real estate development, construction and development loans, loan restructurings and work-outs, acquisitions and dispositions, commercial leasing and equity investments. Its clients in this area include landowners, developers, banks and investment banks, property managers, insurance companies, architects, construction contractors and others involved in all facets of the real estate industry.

The Firm also has extensive experience in time sharing, including work on numerous projects across the U.S. and in other countries. Our expertise extends to all aspects of time sharing, including property acquisition, product design and structuring registrations in various jurisdictions, marketing, management, interim financing, and receivables financing. The Firm's attorneys also serve as a consultant or adviser to the States of Hawai'i and California.

Litigation

The Firm has a diverse litigation practice, with an emphasis on complex commercial transactions, corporate disputes, professional liability, defense of persons accused of white collar crime, insurance, and other civil litigation. The litigation group is comprised of lawyers who have extensive experience in the courtroom; however, while litigation is a significant component of the services rendered by this group, lawyers in the group are also skilled in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and in court mandated and voluntary arbitrations.

In the area of plaintiff's personal injury claims, the Firm obtained one of the highest settlements ever awarded by the State of Hawai'i for loss of life of a minor.

In land-related litigation, the Firm has handled lawsuits involving the sale of golf courses, leasehold condemnation cases for a major Hawai'i land trust, and mortgage foreclosure actions for major lenders.

Our Litigation Section has received both national and statewide recognition with its members being included in the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, and "AV" ratings with Martindale-Hubbell.

Hospitality Industry

The hospitality industry group represents hotel developers and owners, equity investors, ground lessors and lessees, operators and others involved in the State of Hawaii's principal industry: tourism. Representative transactions in which the Firm's attorneys have been involved in Hawai'i have included the acquisition, financing and/or development of such well-known hotels as the Kahala Hilton Hotel, Hyatt Regency Hotels - Kaanapali and Waikiki, Ala Moana Hotel, Waikiki Beachcomber, Kona Village Resort, Westin Maui, Kapalua Bay Hotel, Maui Marriott, Kaanapali Embassy Suites Hotel, and Outrigger Prince Kuhio Hotel. The Firm has recognized expertise in both advising and litigating matters concerning hotel management agreements.

Corporate

The corporate practice group concentrates in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, financial services, insurance, investment vehicles, and corporate and insurance restructuring and work-outs, with a significant concentration of work in international transactions involving U.S. and foreign companies doing business in Asia and the Pacific Rim.

Estate Planning, Probate and Elder Law

The estate planning and probate group concentrates on the areas of estate planning, probate, elder law, and estate/trust administration. Services encompass estate tax planning and preparation of estate planning instruments, including trusts, wills and estate planning entities such as family limited partnerships. The Group is involved in domiciliary and ancillary probate matters, and counsels clients in Medicaid and other planning areas affecting senior citizens.

Creditors' Rights

The creditors' rights group involves representation of clients in collection, mechanics' lien, foreclosure and bankruptcy matters, with an emphasis on creditors' rights.

Government Regulation and Relations

The Firm is routinely involved in the representation of clients in virtually all phases of federal, state and county administrative agency and executive department actions. This includes agency and departmental investigations, and adjudicative rulemaking, licensing and penalty actions. This area of the Firm's practice also includes the representation of clients in state and federal court actions seeking to mandate agency actions, to enjoin

proposed or pending agency actions and seeking to overturn or support final agency determinations. In addition, the Firm represents clients before federal and state administrative agencies and departments to obtain advisory opinions and rulings.

On the other side of the coin, State agencies and every county government of the State have retained the Firm in specialized matters because of its recognized expertise.

Insurance Defense and Insurance Law

The Firm represents several major insurers. It has developed a specialty practice in the defense of actions against insurance companies for bad faith and extra-contractual damages. It routinely handles cases involving personal injury, property damage, contracts, products liability, construction issues, employment discrimination, and professional, directors' and fiduciary liability. A considerable part of the practice in this area is devoted to insurance coverage issues, primarily on behalf of insurers.

Additionally, the Firm has represented the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Hawai'i in the highly specialized field of rehabilitating and/or liquidating insolvent insurance companies. The Firm acted as counsel to the Rehabilitator and Special Deputy Rehabilitator to the Hawaiian Insurance Group, a troubled insurer of Hawai'i residential and commercial property, with respect to the restructuring and eventual sale of this insurer to a major U.S. insurance company. During this representation, the Firm negotiated a \$32,000,000 settlement in favor of the Rehabilitator. The Firm has represented the Insurance Commissioner as Liquidator in liquidation proceedings involving a failed life insurance company, where nearly \$100 million has been recovered for the benefit of policyholders through actions filed by the Firm.

Health Care

The health care practice group is an interdisciplinary group of experienced health care attorneys providing a broad range of legal services to health care providers, payors and related organizations. As a group, these attorneys have significant experience concentrated in key health law areas, as well as broader experience in health law matters generally. The depth and diversity of this experience enables the health care practice group to provide effective legal representation to the Firm's health care clients, both in general counsel engagements and in special counsel engagements for a wide variety of specific matters and transactions. The Firm's health care attorneys represent a diverse mix of health care clients, including hospitals, health care systems, individual doctors, dentists and other medical practitioners, health care payors and insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, and other participants in the health care industry. Each representation is tailored to the client's particular needs and circumstances to ensure that quality service is provided in a timely, responsive and cost-effective manner.

As part of the Firm's overall public finance practice, the public finance group and health care practice group have established a joint practice concentrated in bond financing transactions for health care institutions. Through the combined experience of both groups in health law matters generally, as well as in finance-related matters, the attorneys in this health care financing practice offer flexible, innovative financing approaches

designed specifically for hospitals, nursing facilities, health systems and related clinical, educational and research facilities.

Public Finance

The Firm's public finance group offers a full range of legal services in bond financings by state and local government agencies and authorities. The attorneys in this group have extensive experience in handling tax-exempt and taxable bond financing transactions for a wide variety of facilities and projects, including public buildings, streets, water and sewer facilities, primary and secondary schools, college and university facilities, economic development projects, housing facilities and health care facilities. The combined resources of the Firm's other practice groups are also available to public finance clients to ensure that their needs and circumstances are addressed appropriately in the context of their financing plans.

The Firm's public finance attorneys have played key roles in numerous bond financing transactions, serving variously in these transactions as bond counsel, special counsel to state and local bond issuers, underwriter's counsel, counsel to bond trustees, counsel to nonprofit organizations and private developers of bond-financed facilities and counsel to credit enhancement or liquidity support providers for bond issues. In these roles, they have had significant responsibilities in all aspects of bond financing transactions, including: development of appropriate financing plans and structures; compliance with state bond laws and with federal and state tax and securities laws; negotiation and preparation of principal financing and security documents, credit enhancement and liquidity support documents, and bond underwriting or placement agreements; and preparation of official statements and other bond offering circulars used in the marketing of bond issues.

International Business Practice Group

The international business practice group represents international companies and individuals doing business in the United States, with a principal emphasis on Hawai'i.

Foreign investors not only require comprehensive legal services, but detailed knowledge of the complexities of the U.S. legal system and Hawai'i business customs—all of which is most effectively presented in their native language. To meet this need, the Firm has Japanese, Chinese, and Korean speaking attorneys on staff.

This practice group consists of attorneys from all the Firm's practice areas. These attorneys have participated in many of Hawaii's most prominent and complex real estate and corporate transactions, loan restructurings and workouts, acquisitions and dispositions, and litigation.

Languages

English and Japanese

Partners

JORDAN KEALAIKALANI INAFUKU

Admitted to bar, 2015, Hawai'i and U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii. *Education:* Stanford University (B.A., 2011); University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2015). *Member:* Hawai'i State Bar Association. *Litigation.*

Mr. Inafuku is a partner in the firm's litigation department. His diverse practice includes complex civil litigation, insurance defense, construction litigation, labor and employment law, Native Hawaiian rights, and commercial litigation. Since joining the firm, Jordan has been selected as a Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2016-2020), as a lawyer delegate to the United States District Court, District of Hawaii, Judicial Conference (2019-2021), and as a participant in the Hawaii Federal Trial Academy (2019). He has also argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Jordan received his law degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, William S. Richards School of Law, where he served as a Managing Editor for the University of Hawaii Law Review and as an award-winning member of the Native American Moot Court Team. He received the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in seven classes and was awarded the John S. Edmunds Award for Civility and Vigorous Advocacy. During school, Jordan also served as a judicial extern to Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald and volunteered in the Governance Department of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

An alumnus of the Kamehameha Schools-Kapālama Campus, Jordan received his Bachelor of Arts in Science, Technology, and Society from Stanford University, where he was a member of the men's volleyball team that captured the 2010 NCAA Championship. Jordan currently serves as the Program Head for Boys Volleyball at 'Iolani School.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Lawyer Delegate, U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, Judicial Conference, 2019-2021
- Super Lawyers® Rising Star, 2016-2020
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award for earning the highest grades in Civil Procedure, Legal Practice, Appellate Advocacy, Administrative Law, Business Associations, Native Hawaiian Rights, and Intellectual Property Litigation
- John S. Edmunds Award for Civility and Vigorous Advocacy, 2015
- First Place Best Oral Advocate, Native American Moot Court Competition, 2015
- Second Place Best Team, Native American Moot Court Competition, 2014

PUBLISHED WORKS

- Jordan Kealaikalani Inafuku, E Kūkulu ke Ea: Hawaii's Duty To Fund Kaho'olawe's Restoration Following the Navy's Incomplete Cleanup, 16 Asian-Pac. L. & Pol'y J. 22 (2015).

JOEL D. KAM

Born Honolulu, Hawaii; admitted to bar 1993, Hawaii; 1994, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. *Education:* University of Hawaii (B.A. with distinction, 1989); Stanford University Law School (J.D., 1993). Phi Beta Kappa. *Member:* Hawaii State (Member, Section on Real Property and Financial Services; Collection Law) and American (Member, Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust; Young Lawyers Division) Bar Associations. *Real Estate; Leases and Leasing; Natural Resources; Sports Law.*

Mr. Kam serves as one of the Firm's Co-Managing Partners. He specializes in real estate transactions, real estate development with an emphasis on land use entitlements and zoning matters, lease rent negotiation and arbitration, ground leases, financing, and administrative proceedings.

Mr. Kam has represented clients in connection with the acquisition, financing, development and disposition of resort, office, mixed-use, industrial and master-planned properties. He has extensive experience with lease rent negotiations and arbitrations, and with land use permits, entitlements and zoning matters. Mr. Kam has also successfully represented clients in administrative proceedings before various state and county boards and commissions, and is a skilled oral advocate.

As special counsel to the City and County of Honolulu in 1999, Mr. Kam co-authored substantial and structural revisions to Honolulu's Land Use Ordinance (LUO) that instituted the major/minor permit application processes which remain in effect to date. He has been frequently retained by the State of Hawaii, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as a special consultant on subdivision registration matters. Mr. Kam is also an arbitrator with the Court Annexed Arbitration Program administered by the Hawaii Supreme Court.

LAUREL K.S. LOO

Admitted to bar 1988, Hawaii. *Education:* University of Hawaii (BS); William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i (J.D., 1988). *Member:* Hawaii State Bar Association.

Ms. Loo is a native of Kauai and heads the Kauai office of M4. Laurel currently serves as one of the Firm's Co-Managing Partners. As a former deputy County Attorney advising the Kauai County Planning Department and Planning Commission, Laurel started a private practice in 2005 which continues to emphasize real estate litigation and land use law.

In addition to expanding her litigation practice, Laurel has become a professionally trained mediator and has successfully concluded many mediations and arbitrations on Kauai. Parties have evaluated her work as "efficient" and "empowering."

Laurel has been the Girls Court judge for several years on her island, where juvenile girls are given targeted treatment, therapy and opportunities to improve their lives. For her work in the justice system, Laurel was recognized by the Kauai Commission on the Status

of Women and her alma mater, Waimea High School, as an outstanding community leader. Previously a journalist, Laurel had an award-winning weekly column in The Honolulu Advertiser. She then attended the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she was an editor of the University of Hawaii Law Review.

Laurel's personal interest includes English horseback riding, canoe paddling and raising Portuguese Podengos, a breed of dog not known for sitting quietly in law offices.

CLIFFORD J. MILLER

Born Los Angeles, California; admitted to bar, 1973, California; 1974, Hawai'i. *Education:* University of California at Irvine (B.A., 1969); Pepperdine University School of Law (J.D., 1973). The Best Lawyers In America, 1993-present. Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers (2003-Present). Hawaii's Top Lawyers (Honolulu Magazine). *Member:* State Bar of California; Hawai'i State (Member, Sections on Real Property and Financial Services; Business Law) and American (Member, Sections on Business Law; Real Property, Probate and Trust Law; International Law and Practice; Law Practice Management) Bar Associations. American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Urban Land Institute. Mr. Miller serves as the Firm's Business/Real Estate Section Chairman. *Real Estate; Real Estate Development; Finance; Business Organization; International Business; Multimedia.*

DAVID J. MINKIN

Born New York, New York; admitted to bar, 1984, Hawai'i and U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii; 1996, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. *Education:* State University of New York at Buffalo (B.A., 1975); University of Hawai'i (M.P.H., 1980); William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i (J.D., 1984). Professor, Legal Assistant Program, Kapiolani Community College, 1994-1995. Per Diem District Court Judge, First Circuit, 1995-1996. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu, 1984-1994. Crimestoppers-Honolulu (Board of Directors, 1997-). *Member:* Hawai'i State (Member, Sections on Elder Law; Collections;) and American (Member, Sections on Litigation; Labor and Employment Law) Bar Associations. *Government Contracts/Procurement; Administrative Law; Class Action; Trail Law; Construction Law; Commercial Litigation; Products Liability; Civil Rights; Collections; Criminal Defense; Health Care; Legal Malpractice.*

SHAUN M. MUKAI

Born Honolulu, Hawai'i; admitted to bar, 1998, Hawai'i and U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii. *Education:* University of Southern California (B.A., cum laude, 1994); William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i (J.D., 1998). Phi Alpha Theta. Blackstonians. Golden Key National Honor Society. Co-Editor-in-Chief, University of Hawai'i Law Review (1997-1998). *Member:* Hawai'i State (Member, Sections on Business Law; Real Property and Financial Services; Intellectual Property and Technology) and American (Member, Sections on Real Property, Probate and Trust; Business Law; Young Lawyers Division) Bar Associations. *Real Estate; Commercial Litigation; Bond Finance.*

STANLEY Y. MUKAI

Born Kauai, Hawai'i; admitted to bar, 1961, Hawai'i. *Education:* University of Kansas and University of Hawai'i (B.A. Math., 1958); Harvard Law School (LL.B., 1961). Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Hawai'i, School of Law, 1976. Chairman, Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i, 1983. Board of Governors, Iolani School, 1989-. Board of Governors, East West Center, 1995. Chairman, Kuakini Medical Center Board of Directors, 1984-1986. Trustee, Hawai'i Tax Institute, Chaminade University, 1980-1994. Chairman, Section on Taxation, Subcommittee on U.S. Direct and Portfolio Investments by Foreigners, 1979. Co-Chairman, Subcommittee on Important Developments and Annual Report, 1981. *Member:* Hawai'i State (Member, Section on Taxation) and American (Member, Sections on International Law and Practice; Taxation) Bar Associations; Japan-Hawaii Economic Council. *Taxation; Business; International Business Law; Health Care.*

DARREN L. NUNN

Born Fremont, California; admitted to bar, 1994, Maryland; 1996, District of Columbia; 1997, California; 2004, Hawai'i. *Education:* University of California, Berkeley (B.A., summa cum laude, 1991); University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 1994). Phi Beta Kappa. Editor, University of Pennsylvania Law Review, 1992-94. *Member:* Maryland State Bar; District of Columbia Bar; State Bar of California; Hawai'i State Bar; American Bar Association. *Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions; Securities Law.*

Darren is a partner in the firm's Corporate and Public Finance groups. His practice includes providing legal and business advice on start-up issues, venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, securities law matters, corporate governance and other business transactions. He also represents issuers and underwriters in connection with public offerings of municipal securities.

Prior to joining McCorrison, Darren served as General Counsel and Chief Financial Officer of Optimum Communications Technologies, Inc. in San Francisco. He also practiced law at Fenwick & West LLP in Palo Alto and San Francisco as an associate in the corporate securities group; Pillsbury Winthrop LLP in San Francisco as an associate in the corporate securities group; and Ginsburg Feldman and Bress in Washington DC as an associate and summer associate in the communications group.

Darren lives in Santa Monica with his wife and son. He practices in Los Angeles and Honolulu.

RANDALL F. SAKUMOTO

Born Honolulu, Hawai'i; admitted to bar, 1988, Hawai'i and U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii. *Education:* University of Hawai'i-Manoa and University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., magna cum laude, 1984); Hastings College of the Law, University of California (J.D., 1988). Foreign Associate, Nagashima & Ohno, Tokyo, Japan, 1992-1994. Co-author: Hawai'i District Court Landlord-Tenant Manual (1992). Co-drafter: City and County of Honolulu Zoning Code, Land Use Ordinance, Chapter 21, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, 1999. Commissioner, State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission (2002-2006). *Member:* Hawai'i State (Member, Section on Real Property and Financial Services) and American

(Member, Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust) Bar Associations; American Land Title Association; Hawai'i Developers' Council (Board Member and Secretary). *Real Estate Acquisition; Real Estate Development; Real Estate Finance; Real Estate Leasing.*

MICHAEL D. SCARBO

Admitted to bar Hawaii, 2014. *Education:* Willamette University College of Law in Oregon (J.D.); Davidson College in North Carolina (B.A.).

Michael D. Scarbo joined M4 at the start of 2024 and practices in the Kaua'i office, primarily in the areas of estate planning and real estate law.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Michael received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College in North Carolina in 1998. Since that time, he has worked as a reporter for the Daily Sitka Sentinel in Sitka, Alaska, served as a public school teacher in Alaska, Virginia, Oregon, and Hawai'i, and has worked as a licensed real estate agent and small business owner on Kaua'i. Michael graduated cum laude from Willamette University College of Law in Oregon.

Focused, efficient and detail oriented, Michael's life experience and pragmatic nature enable him to see creative, practical, and cost-efficient solutions to client challenges.

Michael and his family have called Kaua'i home since 2003.

RANDALL K. SCHMITT

Born Rantoul, Illinois; admitted to bar, 1984, Hawai'i and U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii; 1989, U.S. Court of Military Appeals; 1992, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; 1995, U.S. Supreme Court. *Education:* U.S. Naval Academy (B.S., Ocean Engineering, 1976); William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i (J.D., 1984). Editor-in-Chief, University of Hawai'i Law Review, 1983-1984. [Lt., U.S. Navy, 1972-1981; CAPT, JAGC, USNR, 1986-2004]. *Representative Cases:* Exxon Shipping Co., v. Pacific Resources, 835 F.Supp. 1195 (D.Haw. 1993); Exxon Co. v. Sofec, Inc., 54 F.3d 570 (1995); Exxon Co. USA v. Sofec, Inc., 134 L. Ed. 2d 1986, 116 S. Ct. 1038, 64 U.S.L.W. 3591 (1996). *Member:* Hawai'i State and American (Member, Sections on Litigation; Intellectual Property Law) Bar Associations; Maritime Law Association (Proctor, 1995). *Commercial Litigation, focusing on maritime issues and construction litigation (primarily representing design professionals) and representation of ocean-based businesses (with a concentration on ocean energy); Admiralty; Products Liability; Civil Rights; Employment Discrimination; Environmental; Construction Litigation.*

BRETT R. TOBIN

Admitted to bar: Hawaii (2011); U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii; U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia; U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. *Education:* J.D. (2004), University of Virginia, School of Law, Notes Editor, Virginia Law Review, Semifinalist, William Minor Lile Moot Court Competition, Raven Society; B.A. (1997), College of William and Mary. Practice areas: Intellectual Property; Litigation and Alternative Dispute

Resolution; Commercial and Business Litigation; Real Estate Disputes. Published works: *Copyright Protection for Fashion Designs in the Wake of Star Athletica*, Hawaii Bar Journal, September 2018; *Raw Emotions and Fishy Judgment: Aloha Poke Company and the Cost Benefit Analysis of Cease-and-Desist Letters in the Social Media Age*, Hawaii Bar Journal, February 2019. Best Lawyers, Commercial Litigation, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Mr. Tobin concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial and business litigation, real estate disputes, and intellectual property litigation. Brett works to help clients navigate their way through complex issues and disputes, seeking out creative and efficient solutions to their problems. Through his experience, Brett has represented individuals and Fortune 500 companies in both state and federal court as well as before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) and various other administrative bodies.

Brett has been practicing in Hawaii since 2011, earning recognition by Best Lawyers for the past three years. Brett started his career at the renowned litigation firm of Williams & Connolly in Washington, DC, spending five years there gaining invaluable experience working on a variety of high stakes matters. Before that, Brett clerked for the Honorable J. Frederick Motz of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Brett serves on the Publications Committee of the Hawaii State Bar Association, and he volunteers his time working with the Access to Justice project in Hawaii District Court as well as supporting other local pro bono programs.

Brett's pre-law career included two years as a sportswriter for a newspaper in Virginia and a stint teaching English at Beijing Normal University in China.

Counsel

WILLIAM C. MCCORRISTON

Born Honolulu, Hawai'i; admitted to bar, 1970, Hawai'i; 1971, California; 1973, District of Columbia. *Education*: University of Oregon (B.S., 1967); University of Oregon School of Law (J.D., 1970); The National Law Center, George Washington University (LL.M., 1974). Staff Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, 1970-1973. Assistant U.S. Attorney, 1973-1975. The Best Lawyers in America, 2001-2002. Hawaii's Top Lawyers (Honolulu Magazine, June 2001). *Member*: State Bar of California; District of Columbia Bar; Hawai'i State (President, 1988) and American Bar Associations (Member, Sections on Litigation; Tort and Insurance Practice). Hawai'i Board of Examiners, 1974-1985. American College of Trial Lawyers. American Board of Trial Advocates. American Arbitration Association. Mr. McCorrison serves as the Firm's Litigation Section Chairman. *Complex and Multi-District Litigation; Professional Malpractice; Insurance; White Collar Criminal Defense; Antitrust; Civil Rights; Constitutional; Construction Litigation; Contracts; Environmental Law; Government; Products Liability.*

FRANKLIN K. MUKAI

Born Waimea, Kauai, Hawai'i; admitted to bar, 1970, Hawai'i; 1976, U.S. Tax Court. *Education*: University of Hawai'i (B.A., 1962; M.A., 1965); Hastings College of the Law,

University of California (J.D., 1970). *Member:* Hawai'i State and American (Member, Sections on Taxation Law; International Law and Practice) Bar Associations. *Taxation; Business; International Business Law.*

D. SCOTT MacKINNON

Born New York, New York; admitted to bar, 1973, California; 1974, Hawai'i; 1981, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. *Education:* University of California at Santa Barbara (B.A., 1970); University of California at Davis School of Law (J.D., 1973). Order of the Coif. Associate Editor, University of California at Davis Law Review, 1972-1973. Editor, Hawai'i Conveyance Manual II, 1988. The Best Lawyers in America, 1993-present. Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers (2003-Present). Hawaii's Top Lawyers (Honolulu Magazine). *Representative Transactions:* Nauru Tower; Hawaiki Tower, Keauhou Golf Course; Kiahuna Golf Club; Kiahuna Plantation; The Pointe at Poipu; Kiahuna Shopping Village-Phase I; Vista Waikoloa; Hualalai Resort. *Member:* Hawai'i State (Member, Section on Real Property and Financial Services [Chairman, 1988]), and American (Member, Sections on Business Law; Real Property, Probate and Trust Law) Bar Associations; State Bar of California. *Real Estate; Real Estate Finance; Real Estate Leasing; Real Estate Arbitration; Condominiums; Eminent Domain; Land Use; Commercial Loans/Workouts.*

ELENA P. BEGUNOVA

Admitted to bar Hawaii, 2024; New York, 2016. *Education:* J.D. (2015) Harvard Law School; B.S. (2012) Finance; B.A. (2012) Sociology, University of Michigan – Dearborn. Member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Ms. Begunova joined the firm in 2023 as a corporate counsel. Her practice includes providing legal advice on debt and equity securities offerings, leveraged finance, mergers and acquisitions, public finance transactions, regulatory matters, corporate governance, as well as advising start-up and VC companies.

Prior to joining McCorriston, Elena worked for eight years as a capital markets associate and practice manager at several premier law firms: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP (2021 – 2023), Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, (2017-2021), Clifford Chance LLP, London (2015-2017).

Prior to law school, Ms. Begunova worked as an IT consultant for numerous industries, including automotive, financial, retail industries and real estate holdings.

ANA F. HALSEY

Admitted to bar Hawaii, 2024; New York 2020. *Education:* J.D. (2019) Georgetown University Law Center, Cum Laude; B.A. (2014) Wesleyan University, Member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Ms. Halsey is of counsel at the firm in the corporate department. Her practice includes providing legal and business advice on general corporate and business organization matters, private equity fund formation and other business transactions.

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