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Services

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Litigation

Construction Law & Litigation

Trust & Estate Litigation

Admissions

Hawaii

U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Education

J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law

B.S., Willamette University

Overview

Crystal Rose is one of the founding members of Lung Rose Voss Wagnild and a leading figure in Hawaii's legal community. Renowned for her creative and effective litigation strategies, Ms. Rose has spent over three decades shaping Hawaii's business landscape through her expertise in business litigation, real estate, construction, trusts, and commercial transactions.

Ms. Rose's notable cases include defending Kamehameha Schools' admissions policy, representing Queen's Medical Center in a complex dispute with Kaiser Permanente, and leading Central Pacific Bank through Hawaii's first major banking takeover litigation in over a decade. She also represented Xerox Corp. and its managers in lawsuits arising from the 1999 workplace tragedy involving Byron Uyesugi.

In addition to her legal practice, Ms. Rose has significant experience in corporate governance, serving on the boards of prominent organizations such as Central Pacific Bank, Hawaiian Airlines, and Hawaiian Electric Company. A passionate advocate for her community, she is actively involved with various nonprofit organizations, including The Nature Conservancy, Blue Planet Foundation, and Child and Family Services.

Ms. Rose is a graduate of the Hastings College of Law, University of California, and Kamehameha Schools. Since 1987, she has been a partner at Lung Rose Voss Wagnild.

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Experience

Select Results

Real Estate, Business, and Major Tort Litigation

- Represented Queen's Medical Center in a commercial dispute with Kaiser Permanente over alleged fraudulent billing practices.
- Defended Kamehameha Schools' admissions policy, successfully resolving the case at the U.S. District Court level and protecting the policy's mission.
- Represented Central Pacific Bank in its successful takeover of City Bank in 2004.
- Litigated land disputes on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, securing land title rights and evicting opposing claimants.

Trusts and Estates Litigation

- Advocated for Kamehameha Schools Trustee Oswald Stender in litigation that reformed the governance of the Schools.
- Represented Trustees of the Don Ho Trust in contentious litigation, winning on all issues through arbitration.

Construction Litigation

- Defended Gentry Homes in class-action litigation involving alleged construction defects and termite problems, successfully resolving all cases.
- Represented a prominent businessman in a construction fraud dispute, securing $1.4 million in arbitration damages.

Representative Clients

- **Kamehameha Schools**: Represented in multiple cases, including litigation reforming governance and defending admissions policy.
- **Queen's Medical Center**: Defended in a complex dispute with Kaiser Permanente.
- **Central Pacific Bank**: Led litigation for its landmark acquisition of City Bank.
- **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**: Secured favorable outcomes in land disputes.
- **Xerox Corporation**: Represented in workplace violence litigation.

Published Works

- *Residential & Commercial Evictions in Hawai'i*, National Business Institute, 1994
- *Advanced Real Estate Law*, National Business Institute, 1991, 1992, 1994
- *Basic Real Estate Law*, National Business Institute, 1990, 1991

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- *Real Estate Broker Liability*, Hawai‘i State Bar Association, 1989

Honors

- Recognized as one of Hawaii’s most accomplished business litigation attorneys

Affiliations

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Hawaii State Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator
- Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Board Member
- Boys and Girls Club of Hawai‘i, Board Member
- The Nature Conservancy, Trustee
- Blue Planet Foundation, Board Member
- Child and Family Services, Board Member
- Advisory Board to the Chief Executive of Kamehameha Schools, Member
- Assets School Advisory Board, Member
- Catholic Charities Advisory Board, Member
- Circuit Court Civil Rules Committee, State of Hawai‘i, Member
- Disciplinary Board of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, Hearing Committee Member
- State of Hawai‘i Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, Member
- University of Hawaii School of Architecture, Lecturer

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