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Services

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Litigation

Construction Law & Litigation

Complex Business Litigation

Admissions

Hawaii

U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii

Education

J.D., Boston University School of Law

B.A., English, Kenyon College

Overview

Ryan Engle is a partner in the firm's litigation department, specializing in real estate litigation, construction contracts and disputes, and complex business litigation. Recognized by **The Best Lawyers in America** and listed as a **Hawaii Super Lawyer**, Mr. Engle is also a recipient of the **Pacific Business News Forty Under 40** award for his exceptional contributions to the legal profession and the community.

Mr. Engle's practice involves representing clients in high-stakes litigation, including constitutional law challenges, construction disputes, class action defense, and complex business cases. He is also actively involved in the community, serving on the Board of Directors for **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii**, and the **Hawaii Architectural Foundation**.

In addition to his practice, Mr. Engle frequently speaks at construction law seminars and is a published author of numerous construction-related legal works.

Experience

Select Results

Constitutional Law

- Represented a national REIT in a constitutional challenge to legislation affecting lease rent calculations for industrial ground leases. Secured a ruling declaring

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the statute unconstitutional under the Contracts and Equal Protection Clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

Construction Litigation

- Represented a large general contractor in a landmark mechanic's lien action for a commercial project, obtaining a total lien exceeding $20 million.
- Represented a developer in drafting construction contracts and advising on land use and environmental issues for a luxury subdivision on the Kohala Coast.

Class Action Defense

- Defended a prominent Hawaii developer in a decade-long class action alleging construction defects in a large-scale residential subdivision. Achieved summary judgment on half of the claims and negotiated a favorable settlement with nominal damages and an extended warranty program.

Complex Business Litigation

- Represented a leading generic drug manufacturer in a multi-party case involving allegations of fraud and misrepresentation in pharmaceutical pricing for the Hawaii Medicaid program.

Representative Clients

- National REITs in constitutional challenges to legislation.
- Prominent Hawaii developers in large-scale construction and land use disputes.
- General contractors in mechanic's lien actions and construction defect claims.
- Generic drug manufacturers in high-profile business litigation.
- Small businesses and property owners in real estate and development matters

Published Works

- *"Construction Defect Litigation: From A to Z,"* National Business Institute, 2012
- *"Construction Contracts: From A to Z,"* Lorman Education Services, 2012
- *"Construction from Start to Finish: A Practical Overview of Construction Contracts and the Construction Process,"* Lorman Education Services, 2013
- *"Introduction to the New AIA Contract Documents,"* Lorman Education Services, 2009
- *"AIA Contracts,"* Lorman Education Services, 2008
- *"The Fundamentals of Construction Contracts: Understanding the Issues,"* Lorman Education Services, 2007

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Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America
- Hawaii Super Lawyer
- Pacific Business News Forty Under 40

Affiliations

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Member, Hawaii State Bar Association
- Director, Ronald McDonald House Charities Hawaii
- Director, Hawaii Architectural Foundation
- Former President, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Board of Directors
- Former Director, BIA-Hawaii
- Former Director, The Institute for Family Enrichment
- Member, ULI (Urban Land Institute)
- Member, NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association)

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