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William N. Ota

## **EDUCATION**

University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law (J.D.)

Illinois College (B.A. History/Political Science) William N. Ota has been in private practice for over twenty years. Prior to joining the firm, Bill was a partner at Marr Jones & Wang LLLP, a boutique firm specializing in labor and employment law. Over the course of his legal career, Bill has represented a wide range of clients, from individuals to global corporations, in civil litigation arising out of employment disputes, commercial disputes, medical malpractice claims, and catastrophic personal injury. He has also provided legal advice and consultation services to numerous individuals and entities, including the county, state, and federal governments.

Bill has obtained successful outcomes for his clients in litigation before each of the Circuit Courts of the State of Hawaii, the Supreme Court of Hawaii, the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. His clients have also obtained favorable results in proceedings before private mediators, labor and commercial arbitrators, the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Employment Security Appeals Referees' Office, and various other administrative bodies.

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Bill has been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America<sup>©</sup> 2013-2019. Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> is based on an exhaustive peerreview survey. Over 50,000 leading attorneys cast more than 5.5 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore inclusion in Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> is considered a singular honor. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- ◆ American Bar Association
- ◆ Hawaii State Bar Association
- ◆ Federal Bar Association
- ◆ Arbitrator, Court Annexed Arbitration Program