

# Private: Loren A. Seehase Associate

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## Practice

Appeals

Construction Law

Land Use & Eminent Domain

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Real Estate

# Education

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

Indiana Wesleyan University (B.A.) Loren A. Seehase practices in the firm's Construction Law, Real Estate, Land Use & Eminent Domain, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, and Appeals practice groups primarily in the areas of land use, zoning, construction law, environmental law, and constitutional law. She also represents clients in the areas of ocean law, business and commercial disputes, product liability, and employment law.

Loren was selected by her peers to the 2023 and 2022 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America list in the practice areas of Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Construction and Litigation-Real Estate. She was also selected in 2022, 2021 and 2020 by Super Lawyers Rising Stars list in Land Use & Zoning.

A graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law, Loren was a Staff Writer for the University of Hawaii Law Review, a Constitutional Law Teaching Assistant, and a Research Assistant for an Intellectual Property Treatise republication. She served as a Summer Associate at Damon Key, working on both transactional and litigation matters, and a Law Clerk/Extern for Judge Lisa M. Ginoza of the State of Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals.

While at law school, Loren was a top oralist at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The University of Hawaii team was named the 2015 Jessup Pacific Regional Champion, where Loren won Best Oralist out of over 100 competitors and the team won second Best Memorials. As a second-year law student, she participated in the Susan B. McKay Oral Advocacy Competition, taking seventh place among all competing second- and third-year law school students. Loren was also the President of Students with Keiki, an organization that provides logistical support and encouragement to law students with children. She is also a member of Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity. Upon graduating, Loren earned an Environmental Law Certificate, an area of interest kindled in part by her appreciation of and concern for Hawaii's natural resources. Loren earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan University, cum laude. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, she worked full-time as a Legal Assistant/Title Associate at Yonas & Rink/American Homeland Title. Prior to that, she was a Team Coordinator at Dave and Buster's Inc. in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she managed the hiring, training, and development of 120 to 200 employees.

Born in Southern California, Loren moved to Hawaii with her family at the age of six, grew up in Palolo Valley, and attended public and private schools on Oahu before moving to Michigan in the ninth grade. While in high school, she sang in numerous choral ensembles, participated in regional and state choral competitions and traveled to Canada, England, France, and Wales to perform and record in cathedrals. She also played on the Varsity Singles Tennis team, was very active in church youth group, mission trips, and student council.

Loren enjoys hiking, swimming, bicycling, and tennis. She currently resides in Manoa with her husband and four children.

#### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
  - Environment, Energy, and Resources Section
  - International Law Section
  - Litigation Section
- Hawaii State Bar Association
  - Environment, Energy, and Resources Section
  - International Law Section
  - Litigation Section
- Federal Bar Association
  - Hawaii Chapter
  - $\circ\,$  Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Section
  - Federal Litigation Section
  - International Law Section
  - $\circ\,$  State and Local Government Relations Section
  - Young Lawyers Division
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Deposition to Trial, 2018
- Hawaii Federal Trial Academy, 2020

### **Bar Admissions**

- State of Hawaii
- U.S. District Court (District of Hawaii)

Representative Reported Cases

- United States Supreme Court
  - Knick v. Twp. of Scott, 139 S. Ct. 2162 (2019) (amicus)
- Hawaii Supreme Court
  - Unite Here! Local 5 v. Dep't of Planning & Permitting/Zoning Bd. of Appeals, 145 Haw. 453, 454 P.3d 394 (Haw. 2019)

Speaking Engagements

• Challenging or Appealing Administrative Zoning Decisions: What You Need to Know, National Business Institute, July 15, 2021

- Land Use and Zoning: Working with Local Governments, National Business Institute, September 2, 2020
- Hawaii's Shoreline: Legal & Regulatory Issues, Sea Level Rise and Adaptation, The Seminar Group, November 14-15, 2019
- Commercial Land Use and Zoning Law, National Business Institute, April 4, 2019
- Our Ocean Planet, Governance for a Better Future, Jon Van Dyke Institute of International Law and Justice, University of Hawaii, December 15, 2014

### Publications

- Anna H. Oshiro, Christi-Anne H. Kudo Chock, & Loren A. Seehase, Construction Defects, ch. 5 Rights and Liabilities of the Parties (Suzanne McSorley et al. eds., 2nd ed. 2021)
- Associate Editor, The National Journal on State and Local Government Law, Urb. Law., vol. 50, no. 1, Spring 2019

#### **Community Involvement**

- Hawaii Classical Academy
  - Vice-President/Director (2021 present)
- Access to Justice Room (Honolulu District Court)

   volunteer
- HSBA Legal Line Hotline • volunteer

