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PRACTICE AREAS  
Real Estate  
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EDUCATION  
Golden Gate University School  
of Law, J.D., 1995  
University of Hawaii, B.A., 1992

ADMISSIONS  
Hawaii  
U.S. District Court of Hawaii  
State Courts of Hawaii  
California  
U.S. District Court of California,  
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Cate concentrates her practice in commercial and public works construction, real property acquisitions and project development, where she counsels both public and private stakeholders in the planning, design, implementation and close-out of major capital construction projects. Areas where she has significant expertise include:

- **Transactional Work:** Experienced with drafting and negotiating complex transactional agreements including, commercial construction contracts and front-end documents and related design professional agreements, SaaS licensing agreements, NDA's, firm-fixed price contracts, cost-reimbursement contracts, multiple award schedules, indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts, cooperative purchasing arrangements, professional services / employment agreements and revenue-generating contracts, commercial leases, easements, instruments of title, liens and releases.
- **General Contractor Representation:** Experienced in representing general contractors and subcontractors in all phases of private, quasi-private and public work projects including bidding, contract negotiation, construction and post-construction claims resolution. Substantial experience in handling general business issues as they relate to the commercial contracting industry including corporate governance, joint venture structuring, adherence to regulatory and governmental changes and Sarbox compliance.
- **Commercial Construction Litigation:** Representation of public owners, developers and construction contractors in all aspects of construction and real property litigation, focused on early resolution of disputes over delay and disruption, actual and constructive acceleration, labor inefficiency, equipment productivity, liquidated damages and extended general conditions. Significant experience in resolving at mediation claims related to defective project design and specifications, differing site conditions, material failures, soils-related problems, warranty issues and contract termination.
- **Public Agency Governance:** Representation of public entity governing boards and governmental agency department heads in mediations, administrative hearings and court proceedings with emphasis on pre-emptive claim avoidance counseling and litigation defense techniques. Experienced in the representation of public entities and governing boards engaged in major capital developments in matters involving transparency, conflicts of financial interest, document retention protocols and privacy / ethical concerns.

Prior to joining Goodsill, Cate was a partner in private practice representing urban school districts throughout California in the oversight and management of large-scale capital construction programs, financed through voter approved general obligation bonds, and most recently spent time "in-house" with the San Francisco Unified School District as its Deputy General Counsel for business and capital facilities matters.