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PRACTICE AREAS
Real Estate

INDUSTRIES
Banking and Financial
Services
Commercial and Retail
Resort and Hospitality

EDUCATION
Harvard Law School, J.D.
1983
University of California at
Berkeley, B.S. 1980

ADMISSIONS
Hawai'i
U.S. District Court of Hawai'i
State Courts of Hawai'i

ASSOCIATIONS
Hawai'i State and American
Bar Associations
National Association of
Industrial and Office
Properties
Hawai'i Opera Theatre Board
and Chair of Governance
Committee, Former Chair of
Finance and Strategic
Planning Committees

AWARDS/HONORS
Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the
Year" 2011, 2018
Best Lawyers, since 2005
Chambers USA, since 2005
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Leighton Yuen concentrates his practice in real estate development and transactions, and financing and business law. His experience includes commercial, hospitality, residential and mixed-use developments and transactions, and real estate and business based financing. He currently serves as practice group leader for Goodsill's real estate section. Examples of his work include:

- **Transactional Work:** Represents sellers', buyers' and developers' interests in various sale, development and leasing transactions involving commercial properties and development transactions throughout Hawai'i. Representative clients include Waikoloa Land Company, Castle & Cooke, Hawaii Finance and Development Corporation, Prospac Holdings, Servco Pacific, Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts and YMCA of Honolulu. Recent transactions include sale of portfolio of residential projects by HHFDC, sale of industrial land by Servco Pacific to Amazon, and purchases of land in Kakaako for redevelopment by various clients. Experience includes serving as lead Hawai'i counsel for the sale of the Island of Lana'i, lead Hawai'i counsel for the purchase of Tesoro Hawaii by Par Petroleum and lead real estate counsel for the sale by Kaneohe Ranch of its Hawai'i landholdings.
- **Financing:** Represents borrower and lender interests in various real estate and business based loans and credit facilities. Representative projects include financing arrangements for Waikoloa Beach Resort, Parker Ranch and MacNaughton entities. Experience also includes loan documentation on behalf of Hawai'i banks including for various developments along Kapiolani Boulevard and in Kakaako.
- **Residential and Mixed Use Developments and Offerings:** Prepares project documentation for master planned residential and mixed-use communities, including Restrictive Covenants, Owners Association Documents, Project Rules and Regulations, Sales Documents and Offering Documents. Representative projects include Koa Ridge on Oahu, Manele Bay and Puulani Ridge Projects on Lana'i, Kukui'ula Development on Kauai, and Hualalai Resort, Kohanaiki Shores, and Waikoloa Beach Resort on the Island of Hawai'i.
- **Hospitality Industry Development and Operation:** Represents Waikoloa Land Company in matters relating to the development, marketing and operation of Waikoloa Beach Resort and similar projects, including Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts in connection with its Sheraton Waikiki and Royal Hawaiian Hotel properties. Experience also includes resort and sales documentation for Castle & Cooke Resorts, Kukui'ula Development Co., and Kohanaiki Shores.
- **Retail Developments:** Experience includes representation of developers' and owners' interests for Kona Commons and Kapolei Commons Projects, Waikele Commercial Center, Guam Premium Outlet Center, Bougainville Industrial Park Costco Project, KMart Kauai, and KMart Maui.

Since 2005, Leighton has been recognized by Best Lawyers and was named Lawyer of the Year in Honolulu in 2011 and 2018. He has also been recognized by Chambers USA since 2005.