



## Kirk M. Neste

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### Overview

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Prior to joining Cades Schutte, Kirk was an Associate for Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Denver, Colorado. While at Faegre Baker Daniels, Kirk was extensively involved in the representation of commercial fishermen and seafood businesses with regard to their claims arising out of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and represented several high-profile businesses in various commercial disputes in state and federal court.

Kirk obtained his B.A. in Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Finance from the University of Washington in 2004, and received his law degree from the University of Oregon Law School in 2008. As a law student, Kirk served as Editor-In-Chief of the Oregon Law Review. He also worked as a Judicial Extern to Judge Jack Billings of the Lane County Circuit Court.

Kirk is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association, and is admitted to practice before all Hawai'i courts, the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i, all Colorado courts, and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

### Noteworthy

#### Awards

- Listed in *Best Lawyers*®, since 2025

#### Credentials

#### Practices & Industries

**Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights**

**Construction**

**Employment Law & Labor Relations**

**Environmental**

**Insurance Coverage & Defense**

**Litigation**

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Disputes

**Real Estate**

- Real Estate Disputes

## Education

- J.D. (2008), University of Oregon Law School, Order of the Coif
- B.A. Business Administration (2004), University of Washington

## Admissions

- Hawai'i State Bar (2009)
- United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i
- Colorado State Bar (2008)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado

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- Hawaii State Bar Association
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