



Overview

Rio concentrates his practice on commercial and residential real estate transactions, commercial real estate finance, commercial leasing, and project development. Rio also has experience with representing business entities in mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions and counseling business entities and their owners on various governance matters.

Rio received his law degree, *cum laude*, from the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i. During law school, Rio served as a judicial extern to Judge Richard R. Clifton, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Associate Justice Sabrina S. McKenna, Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i. He also served as a staff writer on the University of Hawaii Law Review and competed on the Jessup International Law Moot Court Team.

Noteworthy

Community Involvement

- · Na Hoaloha O McKinley, President
- McKinley High School Foundation, Secretary and Director
- McKinley Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team, Assistant Coach

Credentials

Education

- J.D. (2018), William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, cum laude
- B.A. (2015), English and Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, magna cum laude

Practices & Industries

Corporate & Business

- Business Organizations
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Finance

Real Estate

- Real Estate Transactions

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Admissions

• Hawai'i State Bar (2018)

Membership

- · Hawaii State Bar Association
- · Hawaii State Bar Association Real Property and Financial Services Section, Director

Publications

• "Resolving the Legal Status of Dokdo/Takeshima: Why Joint Referral to the International Court of Justice is a Realistic Approach", *University of Hawaii Law Review* (2018) (Author)

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