

## James G. Diehl

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### About

James Diehl is a member of the Litigation and Trial Practice. His practice focuses primarily on complex commercial litigation. James has experience representing individuals and companies in all aspects of commercial litigation in both state and federal courts. James' litigation, trial, appellate, and counseling experience includes disputes involving corporate governance, securities, fiduciary duty issues, government investigations, contract issues, and intellectual property.

Prior to joining McNaul Ebel in 2019, James practiced in Hawaii with the law firm Bays Lung Rose & Holma, where he focused primarily on construction defect and commercial litigation. James attended law school at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

### Representative Cases & Matters

- Defended a technology start-up in a breach of contract dispute with a major health care organization and obtained a unanimous defense verdict and multimillion-dollar counterclaim award.
- Defended registered importer before the Department of Justice relating to claims for violations of the False Claims Act and obtained favorable settlement.
- Represented registered investment advisor during simultaneous investigations by the Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Commodity Futures Trading Commission relating to digital asset transactions, resulting in no agency action.
- Obtained monetary award after arbitration against a seller of crypto-tokens for violations of the Securities Act of Washington.
- Represented power plant on claims for breach of lumber harvesting contract and obtained an arbitration award prevailing on all counts.

### Practice Areas

Litigation & Trial Practice

### Education

William S. Richardson School of Law,  
University of Hawaii at Manoa (JD,  
2016)

Humboldt State University (BS, 2011)

### Bar Admissions

Washington State, 2019

Hawaii, 2016

### Court Admissions

US Court of Federal Claims, 2023

US District Court for the Western  
District of Washington, 2019

US District Court for the Eastern  
District of Washington, 2019

US District Court for the District of  
Hawaii, 2016

- Represented member of a closely held limited liability company on claims for wrongful dissociation and conversion. Successfully negotiated a favorable settlement before trial.
- Represented student and parents in federal lawsuit against prominent boarding school based on claims of sexual abuse by a school employee. Obtained favorable settlement before trial.
- Represented member-owners of a power plant on claims against co-owner for blocking monetization of investment tax credits. Obtained an arbitration award dissociating co-owner.