



**Joyce H. Nakamura**

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Ms. Nakamura concentrates in estate planning, trust and estate administration, litigation, business succession planning, charitable planning, employee benefits and ERISA, including ERISA litigation.

Ms. Nakamura's estate planning and trust and estate administration practice includes income and estate tax planning; succession planning for the closely-held business owner; charitable planning; drafting of wills, trusts, and powers of attorney; administration of estates for decedents, minors, and protected persons; and the representation of clients in estate and trust litigation.

She works extensively with clients in the selection and implementation of welfare benefit plans and pension benefit plans. Ms. Nakamura works with clients in the area of compensation planning including the design and implementation of qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, deferred compensation arrangements, qualified and non-qualified stock options, and employee stock ownership plans. Additionally she assists clients in the claims review process and represents numerous clients in their capacity as trustees and plan administrators of ERISA plans.

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**Education**

LLM: University of Denver Graduate Tax Program, 1983

JD: Hastings College of the Law, University of California, 1982

BA: University of Hawaii, 1978

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**Bar Admissions**

Colorado, 1984

Hawaii, *inactive*

**Career Distinctions & Honors**

The Denver Foundation Philanthropic Leadership Award, 2016  
Denver Five Star Financial Services Professional, 2015-2021

**Professional Associations**

American Bar Association  
Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section  
Colorado Bar Association  
Trust and Estate Section  
Elder Law Section  
Denver Bar Association  
Colorado Planned Giving Roundtable  
Strategic Connection of Colorado by Thought Leaders Forum, Denver Chapter  
The Denver Foundation: Board of Trustees  
Dumb Friends League, Volunteer  
Rocky Mountain Estate Planning Council  
Rose Community Foundation – Volunteer, Professional Advisor Council  
CAN DO Multiple Sclerosis Board Member  
Graduate of the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry, "50 For Colorado" Program