

HA KIM DAO

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D. Degree, May 1999

Activities: *Texas Forum on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights Law Journal*
Asian Law Student Association, *Secretary*, 1997-98

University of Texas at Austin

B.A. in Plan II Honors Program and Philosophy, May 1996

Honors: Hinton Endowed Presidential Scholarship, 1994
Distinguished College Scholar, 1995-96

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Houston, Texas

Associate Attorney, July 2006 – Present

Prepare, review and negotiate all types of real estate finance documents, including predevelopment loan agreements, construction loan agreements, deeds of trust, leasehold deeds of trust, guaranty agreements, security agreements, pledge agreements, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreement, tri-party agreements and related legal opinion letters. Review and negotiate all types of real estate documents, including purchase and sale agreements and related acquisition agreements, lease agreements, operating agreements, development agreements, easement agreements, and restrictive covenant agreements.

Porter & Hedges, L.L.P., Houston, Texas

Associate Attorney, March 2003 – June 2006

Prepared, reviewed and negotiated all types of finance documents, including credit agreements, construction loan agreements, guaranty agreements, security agreements, pledge agreements, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreement, deeds of trust, and leasehold deeds of trust. Reviewed and negotiated all types of real estate documents, including purchase and sale agreements and related acquisition agreements, lease agreements, development agreements, and easement agreements. Reviewed and negotiated title commitments, title exception documents, and surveys.

Hirsch & Westheimer, P.C., Houston, Texas

Associate Attorney, Fall 1999 – February 2003; *Law Clerk*, Summer 1998

Prepared, reviewed and assisted leading attorneys in negotiating all types of real estate and real estate finance documents, including purchase and sale agreements and related acquisition documents, commercial lease agreements, easement agreements, loan agreements, promissory notes, security agreements, deeds of trust, and guaranty agreements. Reviewed and negotiated title commitments, title exception documents, and surveys. Prepared and reviewed formation, merger, dissolution, governance and other corporate documents for business entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies.

Texas General Land Office, Austin, Texas

Law Clerk, Division of Legal Services, Summer 1998

Researched and prepared legal memoranda on various legal issues, including topics relating to the Open Beaches Act and the Public Drinking Water Act. Attended meetings and public debates on state land sales and leases.

Texas Civil Rights Project, Austin, Texas

Law Clerk, Nonprofit Civil Rights Litigation Firm, Summer 1997

Researched and prepared trial briefs and memoranda on a variety of civil rights and constitutional issues. Conducted client interviews and participated in depositions.

**PROFESSIONAL &
COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES**

- State Bar of Texas; American Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Public Relation Coordinator: *Walk for America Project* (fund-raising walkathon)
- Concert Project Director: *Cung Tien and His Music*
- Seminar Speaker: *Third Party Consents in Finance Context*

TRANSACTIONS INVOLVED IN:

- Representation of a foreign trust in a \$30,000,000 acquisition of real property in Texas.
- Representation of a national tenant in the acquisition of more than 40 leasehold estates located in multiple states.
- Representation of a real estate investor in a \$300,000,000 acquisition of 16 malls located in multiple states.
- Local representation of purchasers in a \$5 billion acquisition of timberland (then considered the largest private timberland sale in U.S. history).
- Representation of a national bank in a \$115,000,000 letter of credit facility supporting a construction facility for a regional hospital and medical office building project.
- Representation of a national bank in a \$90,000,000 syndicated construction loan to finance construction of a mixed use retail/office complex.
- Representation of domestic or foreign borrowers in revolving and term loan credit facilities, including (a) representation of a home appliance distributor in a \$30,000,000 revolving and term facility and (b) representation of several foreign oil and gas exploration and production companies in a \$20,000,000 advancing term loan facility.
- Representation of other borrowers or lenders in connection with real estate acquisition and development and construction loans covering retail centers, commercial buildings, medical facilities, storage facilities, convenience stores, refinery facilities, and unimproved properties.
- Representation of other real estate developers and investors in connection with the acquisition, disposition and development of commercial real estate, including shopping centers, office buildings, commercial buildings, apartment complexes, and unimproved property.
- Representation of other landlords or tenants in the preparation, review and negotiation of shopping center leases, office building leases, warehouse leases, operating agreements, easement agreements, and restrictive covenant agreements.