

## Joshua E. Friedmann

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## Professional Overview

Josh is a member of HCMP's Land Use Group, focusing his practice on supporting public-private and mixed-use development projects, conservation transactions, and other projects with public- and government-facing concerns. He has also advised infrastructure authorities, hospitals, schools, nonprofits, community organizations, government agencies, and other institutions on permitting, governance, transactions, and risk-management issues.

With a professional background in politics and an in-depth understanding of public policy, Josh has a unique ability to work with multiple parties with differing agendas on a given project to craft creative solutions that work for everyone. He is passionate about un-sticking difficult problems to help advance projects and help clients achieve their goals.

Before law school, Josh served as aide to the White House's Council on Environmental Quality, where he worked with agency officials, advocacy organizations, lawmakers, and legislative staff to advance the Obama Administration's environmental policy priorities. He is currently the Political Chair of Washington Conservation Voters.

## Representative Matters

- Development and permitting of Puget Sound area light-rail stations and transit-oriented development.
- Development and permitting issues for inpatient community health facilities.
- Assisted photovoltaic power plant with fire code and setback issues.
- Represented a state community college in multiple appeals of city permitting actions.
- Represented public health provider in over \$140 million of tax-exempt and taxable construction and acquisition financing.
- Negotiated long-term adaptive reuse agreement encompassing leasehold, historic restoration and management of County-owned interpretive site.
- Represented art museum in sale of transferable development rights to for-profit developer.

- Represented high-net-worth individuals and families in negotiating and executing donations of complex private landholdings to conservation nonprofits.

## Professional and Civic Involvement

- Content Editor, Ch. 23: Land Use and Environmental Law, Washington Lawyer's Practice Manual, King County Bar Association, Ongoing
- Board Member; Executive Committee; Chair, Political Committee – Washington Conservation Voters, Ongoing

## Honors / Awards / Prior Experience

- Associate, Davis Wright Tremaine, Seattle, 2017 - 2021
- Special Assistant, Council on Environmental Quality at The White House, Washington, D.C., 2012 - 2014
- Legislative Assistant, UPS Corporate Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., 2011 - 2012
- External Affairs Assistant, Tufts University, Medford, Mass., 2010 - 2011

## Education

### J.D., Harvard Law School

- Teaching Assistant, Affordable Housing Development (Kennedy School of Government)
- Winter Clerk, Seattle Mayor's Office (2017)
- Chair of HLS Democrats and Editor at Harvard Environmental Law Review

### B.S., Political Science, Tufts University, *summa cum laude*

- Internships with U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee, Office of Governor Chris Gregoire, and Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
- Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

## Bar/Court Admissions



Hillis  
Clark  
Martin &  
Peterson P.S.

Washington

## Personal

Josh enjoys exploring the outdoors across his native Washington State, volunteering on social action projects with Seattle's Jewish Federation, and undertaking various home improvement projects.