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Professional Overview

Leigh-Ann's practice focuses on real estate, estate planning, and probate matters. She works with clients on a variety of real property related matters — including negotiating purchase and sale agreements and drafting governing documents for condominiums and other common interest communities, both large and small.

Leigh-Ann also advises clients on their estate plans, to help ensure their wishes are carried out in an efficient manner, and assists personal representatives navigate the probate process.

Representative Matters

Represent Glacier Northwest on a variety of transactions, including purchases and sales of land and negotiation of easements.

Advise various developers in the preparation of community governance documents for a variety of residential projects in King and Snohomish Counties, from simple two- or four-unit projects to communities with hundreds of homes, and everything in-between.

Serve as counsel to various clients in the purchase and sale of transferable development rights, including Trinity Church, Plymouth Housing Group, and Washington State Convention Center.

Articles and Presentations

- Author, Ask a Legal Professional, *Puget Sound Business Journal* ([Common Interest Communities](#)), July, 2018
- Author, Ask a Legal Professional, *Puget Sound Business Journal* ([Gifting Property](#)), April 2017
- Author, Ask a Legal Professional, *Puget Sound Business Journal* ([Easement Payment](#)), January 2016
- Author, Ask a Legal Professional, *Puget Sound Business Journal* ([CC&Rs](#)), April 2015

- Co-Author, "Running Covenants," Chapter 8, *Real Property Deskbook*, Washington State Bar Association, 4th Ed. 2009 and 2014 Supplement.

Professional and Civic Involvement

- King County Bar Association

Honors / Awards / Prior Experience

- Associate, Perkins Coie, Seattle, Washington, 2002 - 2005

Education

- J.D., Columbia University School of Law, 2002
James Kent Scholar, 2001 - 2002
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 2000 - 2001
- B.B.A., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1992

Bar/Court Admissions

- Washington State Courts

Personal

I am an avid and devoted collector of hobbies. The newest addition is rowing on Lake Union (both sweep and scull). I also enjoy skiing, playing softball, crocheting, listening to podcasts, and riding motorcycles. However, my staples of spending time with family and friends, sampling good food, and watching TV (sometimes all three simultaneously) are the pillars around which all other activities must fit.

Languages

- Conversational Japanese