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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation Public Policy and Political Matters
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Alanna Peterson focuses her practice on helping public, private and nonprofit clients navigate complex statutory, regulatory, and constitutional issues. She provides strategic advice and counsel and represents clients in litigation involving a broad range of topics, including municipal law, public records, nonprofit governance and formation, environmental and land use law, SEPA/NEPA, education, public policy and planning, and the political process. She has advocated successfully for clients before various administrative bodies and state and federal courts. She also works with clients to draft, defend, and implement state and local initiatives, legislation, and public programs.

Before joining Pacifica, Alanna was a litigation associate in the Seattle office of K&L Gates. During law school, Alanna served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Richard Tallman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Alanna is committed to pro bono work and community service. She regularly provides pro bono counsel to various state and national nonprofit organizations advocating for issues related to reproductive, environmental, immigrant, and economic justice, including by filing amici curiae briefs in state and federal appellate courts. Alanna is also actively involved in land conservation and outdoor recreation efforts in this region, with a focus on promoting equitable, inclusive, and meaningful access to parks and open space. Alanna is a member of the Seattle Planning Commission and co-chair of its Land Use and Transportation committee.

Alanna lives in Seward Park and enjoys reading short stories, spending time with family, and backpacking with her husband, Brian, and their rescue dog, Greta.

Bar Admissions:

- Washington
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Education:

- University of Southern California, B.A., Gender Studies; English Literature, *cum laude* (Renaissance Scholar and NW Alumni Club, ISPC, and Jessie Ingram Endowed Scholarships)
- University of Washington School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (Moot Court Honor Board Executive Board, Innocence Project NW Clinic, Research Assistant to Professors Porter and Ainsworth, Philip J. Weiss Endowed Scholarship)

Honors:

- Selected for *Washington Rising Stars*, 2018-2021
- Selected for inclusion in the “Ones to Watch” list in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the fields of Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation and Education Law, 2021-2022

Speaking Engagements & Presentations:

- Recreational Immunity in Washington: 2019 Update, Washington State Trails Coalition Annual Caucus Meeting, Presenter, October, 2019
- The Changing Landscape of Recreational Immunity in Washington, Washington State Trails Coalition Conference, Presenter, October 2018

Publications:

- “Integrating the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana into Local Land Use and Planning Schemes,” *Municipal Research and Services Center, In Focus: Planning* (September 2015) [also published in the *Washington State Bar Association Environmental and Land Use Law Section Newsletter* (August 2015)]
- “Wind River Reservation May Shape Tribal CAA Jurisdiction,” *Law360, Native American Law Section* (July 2014)
- “The Wind River Reservation Treatment-as-State Controversy: How Confusion Undermines Opportunities for Cooperative Governance,” *Washington State Bar Association, Environmental and Land Use Law Section Newsletter* (April 2014)
- “General Evidence,” *Sexual Offense Bench Guide*, Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission (2013)

Community Involvement:

- Seattle Planning Commission, Commissioner and co-chair of Land Use and Transportation committee, 2021-Present
- Leadership Tomorrow, Class of 2020
- Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, Land and Water Conservation Fund Advisory Committee, Member, 2016-Present
- 37th District Democrats, Precinct Committee Officer, 2020-Present
- National Lawyers Guild, Legal Observer, 2020-2021
- Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Board of Directors, Executive Committee Member and Past Vice President, 2017-Present

- Washington State Historic Preservation Plan 2021-2026, Steering Committee Member, 2018-2020
- Forterra Regional Leadership Council, Central Sound, Member, 2016-2020
- King County, Land Conservation and Preservation Plan Advisory Group, Member, 2016-2018
- Legal Voice, Violence Against Women and Know Your Rights Workgroups, Member, 2013-2019