



## Katherine J. Van Gunst

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Public Finance  
Real Estate

Pronouns:  
she, her, hers

Katherine represents governmental and private entities in connection with tax-exempt and taxable bond financings, lending, and real estate matters. As bond, disclosure, and outside counsel to state agencies and housing authorities, Katherine represents issuers on affordable housing, exempt facility, and nonprofit projects, including qualified exempt facility bonds coupled with low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC), qualified 501(c)(3) housing and other nonprofit facility bonds, and governmental bonds. Katherine's real estate practice encompasses lending for construction and land acquisition, commercial leasing, and acquisition of commercial properties.

Prior to joining Pacifica, Katherine practiced civil litigation at large international and boutique firms. She previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable David R. Thompson and as a judicial extern to the Honorable M. Margaret McKeown, both of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In her spare time, Katherine enjoys snowboarding, biking, and exploring the Pacific Northwest.

#### Bar Admissions:

- Washington
- California

#### Education:

- Gonzaga University, B.S., Biology, *summa cum laude*, B.A., French, *summa cum laude*
- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude* (*San Diego Law Review*; Order of the Coif)

#### Speaking:

- *Tax-Exempt Bond Basics*, American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development, October 2022

#### Publications:

- *Municipal Debt Offerings: General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds*, LexisNexis Practical Guidance Practice Note, November 2022

#### Community Involvement:

- King County Bar Association Housing Justice Project, Pro Bono Attorney, 2018-2020

Professional Organizations:

- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Women in Public Finance
- King County Bar Association
- Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle