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Sarah Mack Joins Pacifica Law Group's School Districts Practice

Mack is the former Everett Public Schools general counsel and an experienced litigator in state and federal courts.

SEATTLE, WA— Pacifica Law Group is pleased to announce that attorney Sarah Mack has joined the firm as a partner in our School Districts practice group. A former school district in-house general counsel and experienced litigator, Sarah brings a unique combination of skills and expertise to Pacifica's work with school districts.

"We are so excited to add Sarah to our highly-regarded School Districts team," said Pacifica Managing Partner Denise Stiffarm. "Her deep experience with every aspect of school administration, her passion for equitable access to education, and her proven skills as a litigator will make her a valuable and trusted advisor to Pacifica's clients. Many of us know and have worked with Sarah, and we are delighted to collaborate more closely with her."

Sarah comes to Pacifica following five years as in-house general counsel for Everett Public Schools. There, she provided legal advice and assistance to administrators, the superintendent, and the school board regarding legal affairs, risk management, contracts, and board policies and procedures. She also assisted administrators in implementing compliance and preventative measures through the interpretation, projection, and application of legal trends; worked to ensure that the district complied with applicable legal constraints and requirements; provided training in student rights, employee rights and obligations, and evaluations, amongst other issues; supported human resources with investigations; responded to charges from the Office for Civil Rights, EEOC, and Washington Human Rights Commission; and served as the district's Public Records Officer.

Sarah is also a former partner at another Seattle-area law firm, where she represented public and private clients, and focused in particular on representing school districts and other municipal entities. Sarah has practiced in state and federal courts around the country, and she is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Born and raised in Missoula, Montana, Sarah earned her J.D. cum laude from Brooklyn Law School. After law school, she served as a career law clerk for United States District Judge

Ricardo S. Martinez in the Western District of Washington. While Judge Martinez was the Court's Chief Judge, Sarah also served as the lawyer to the Court, and supported Judge Martinez when he was designated to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals panels.

Sarah's first day at Pacifica was September 26, 2023.

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