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Noe Merfeld Joins Pacifica Law Group's Litigation Practice

SEATTLE, WA—Pacifica Law Group is pleased to announce that Noe Merfeld has joined the firm as an associate in our Litigation practice group. A former prosecutor, Noe will focus her practice on supporting Pacifica's Litigation and School Districts clients.

Prior to joining Pacifica, Noe served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, where she handled misdemeanor and felony cases at all stages, taking several cases to trial and jury verdict. She also distinguished herself as a leader in exploring community-based alternatives to incarceration. Noe helped develop and then led the King County Community Diversion Program, the County's first adult felony diversion program, which connects non-violent, first-time felons with community-based services in lieu of criminal charges, and expedites the recovery of losses for crime victims.

"We are excited to welcome Noe to Pacifica and the Litigation team," said Pacifica Litigation Practice Group Leader Jessica Skelton. "Noe's experience as prosecutor and her commitment to using the law to improve her community make her a fantastic addition to our firm. We look forward to supporting Noe as she grows her practice."

Noe earned her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law. During law school, Noe served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Richard A. Jones of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington and worked as a policy intern for the Washington Defender Association. She was the recipient of Seattle University School of Law's Calhoun Fellowship, which focuses on equal justice issues including juvenile justice, racial disparities in sentencing, and diversion. Noe earned her B.A. from University of Washington.

Noe currently serves as President of the Loren Miller Bar Association, and she is a 2024 Fellow of the Washington Leadership Institute, a collaborative leadership training program of the Washington State Bar Association and the University of Washington School of Law.

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