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PRACTICE AREAS

Municipal Law
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Deanna Gregory practices municipal finance and general municipal law, with emphasis on general obligation and utility revenue financings. Her experience includes serving as bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel on financing matters for a variety of public entities, including counties, cities, public utility districts, ports, fire protection districts, public hospital districts, transit agencies, public development authorities, public facilities districts, school districts, and state agencies.

Deanna routinely advises clients on financing structures, including revenue bonds, general obligation bonds, lease financings, assessment financings, short-term obligations, and other private-activity bonds. She additionally serves as bond counsel and disclosure counsel on combined and stand-alone water, sewer and storm drainage system, solid waste system, electric distribution system, and generation system revenue financings for city and county utilities, public utility districts and water-sewer districts.

Deanna also advises clients on revenue options available under state law, including lodging taxes, emergency medical services levies, affordable housing levies, levy lid lifts, and excess levies as well as in the use of special purpose entities such as public development authorities, public facilities districts, metropolitan park districts, and transportation benefit districts. Deanna has significant experience in the use of interlocal agencies and the Interlocal Cooperation Act to accomplish public projects and goals, including the use of joint boards, governmental administrative agencies, nonprofits and other governance structures. Deanna also serves as outside counsel to public entities on general municipal matters, advising clients on governance, open public meetings, public records and disclosure matters, and other municipal law issues.

Deanna is currently serving a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Bond Lawyers ("NABL"), is a board member and treasurer of the Women in Public Finance – Pacific Northwest Chapter, and is active in various local industry groups.

Deanna is also very active in the Snoqualmie Valley community, serving on various nonprofit boards and volunteering for school, athletic and other events. Deanna is a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, and enjoys running, triathlon, dance, road trips, and rooting for her kids at baseball, football, theater and other sporting events.

Bar Admissions:

- Washington

Education:

- University of Washington, B.A., Political Science (major), Women's Studies (minor), Society and Justice (minor)
- Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude* (Thomas More Scholar, 1999-2002; Deans Medal for Academic Achievement recipient, 2002; Alpha Sigma Nu National Honor Society, member, 2000-2002; Lawless Memorial Award, recipient, 2002)

Honors:

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the fields of Public Finance Law, 2019-2025, and Municipal Law, 2024-2025
- Selected for *Washington Super Lawyers*, 2013-2024
- Selected for *Top 50: 2014 Washington Women Super Lawyers*
- Selected for *Washington Rising Stars*, 2010-2012

Speaking Engagements & Presentations:

- Government Finance Officers Association, 4th Annual MiniMuni Conference, The Importance of Voluntary Disclosure, October, 2022
- Association of Washington Cities, Municipal Budgeting and Fiscal Management, August, 2022
- Government Finance Officers Association, 116th Annual Conference, Disclosure: What you NEED to Do and What you SHOULD Do, June, 2022
- Washington Public Utility District Association, Municipal & PUD Attorneys CLE, Environmental, Social, and Government (ESG) Bond Disclosure, June, 2022
- Washington Public Treasurers Association, Refunding Debt – Current Refundings and Alternatives to Advance Refundings, April, 2022
- NABL, Essentials, Securities Law General Session; Practical Due Diligence/Drafting the Disclosure Document and; Tying it all Together, Panelist, April, 2022
- NABL, The Institute, Considerations When Making Continuing Disclosures, Panelist, March, 2022
- Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts, 2022 Commissioner's Workshop, Open Government Training: The Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act, January, 2022
- NABL, The Workshop, Direct Loans and Private Placements, Chair, October, 2021; Underwriter's Counsel Roundtable, Co-Chair, October, 2021
- Washington Finance Officers Association, The Role of the Governing Body in a Bond Transaction, September, 2021
- Association of Washington Cities Budget Workshop, Local Voter-Approved Revenue Options, August, 2021
- Puget Sound Finance Officers Association, Municipal Finance Primer, August, 2021
- NABL, Essentials, Securities Law General Session; Practical Due Diligence/Drafting the Disclosure Document and; Tying it all Together, Panel Member, June, 2021
- Washington Public Treasurers Association, What to do after the Financing? Tax and Post Issuance Compliance, April, 2021
- NABL, The Workshop, SEC Enforcement, Panel Member, September, 2020; September, 2019
- Washington Finance Officers Association, Bonds 101, September, 2020

- Treasury Institute for Higher Education, Tax-Exempt Bond Compliance Conference, Practical Approaches to Measuring Private Business Use, Private Business Use, December, 2019
- Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys, New Affordable Housing Legislation, October, 2019
- Washington Finance Officers Association, Pre-Debt Issuance Checklist: Things to know Before Taking on Debt, September, 2019
- NABL, The Essentials, Basic Training General Session: Basic Structuring & Financial Aspects of a Municipal Bond Transaction, Panel Chair; Ethics for Bond Attorneys 101, Panel Chair; and Tying it all Together, Panel Member, April, 2019
- NABL, The Institute, Ethical Considerations in Public Finance; a Look at the Role of Bond Counsel, Opinions, and Confidentiality in the Digital Age, Panel Chair, March, 2019
- Washington Public Utility District Association Attorneys' Conference, Municipal Bond Law – 2018 Update, December, 2018
- Client Firm Training, Rule 15c2-12 Amendments: Next Steps to Be Ready for the February 27, 2019 Compliance Date, November, 2018
- NABL, Bond Attorneys Workshop, Ethics: Bond Counsel Liability, Professional Exposure and Loss Prevention Trends, October, 2018
- Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys, Ethics and Technology/Cybersecurity, October, 2018
- NABL, Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar, Ethics for Bond Lawyers and Tying it All Together, April, 2018
- Washington Public Treasurers Association, Minding Your Ps & Qs with the PDC, April, 2018
- Puget Sound Finance Officers Association, Update on Municipal Bond Law, March, 2018
- NABL, Tax and Securities Law Institute, SEC Enforcement Panel, Panel Chair, February, 2018
- NABL, Ethics Teleconference, Risk – The Game of Reduction of Professional Exposure, Loss Prevention and Bond Counsel Liability, December, 2017
- Panelist, Treasury Institute for Higher Education's Tax Exempt Bond Compliance Conference, From Simple to Complex – the Private Business Use Calculation, December, 2017
- Washington Public Utility District Association Attorneys' Conference, Muni Minute – An Update on Municipal Bond Law, November, 2017
- NABL, Bond Attorneys Workshop, Risk – The Game of Reduction of Professional Exposure, Loss Prevention and Bond Counsel Liability, October, 2017
- NABL, Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar, Behind the Curtain – The Depository Trust Company and Conflicts of Interest and Ethical Issues, April, 2017
- NABL, Tax and Securities Law Institute, SEC Enforcement Panel – Recent Enforcement Activity, Trends, and What to do When the SEC Calls, Panel Chair, March, 2017
- Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys, SEC Enforcement Panel – Overview of Recent SEC Activity and What to do When You Get the Call, October, 2016
- Washington Finance Officers Association, Debt Hot Topics Game Show, September, 2016
- Washington Public Utility District Association Attorneys' Conference, Municipal Bond Current Topics, June, 2016
- Washington Association of School Board Officials, Talking to the Market: Communicating with Bond Investors, May, 2016
- Washington Public Treasurers Association Conference, Rationing Debt – Thinking Strategically About the Use of Debt to Meet Capital Funding Needs, April, 2016

- NABL, Tax and Securities Law Institute, Practical, Ethical Considerations Related to Bond Counsel Liability, Risk Reduction and Loss Prevention, March, 2016
- Association of Washington State Public Facilities Districts, Bonds 101, May, 2015
- Washington Public Treasurers Association, Securities Law Updates and Compliance Training 2015, April, 2015

Professional Organizations

- National Association of Bond Lawyers
 - Board of Directors, Member, 2021 (three-year term)
 - The Institute (formerly Tax and Securities Law Institute), Chair, 2021; Vice-Chair, 2020; Faculty Member, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016
 - The Workshop (formerly Bond Attorneys Workshop), Steering Committee Member, 2021; Faculty Member, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016
 - The Essentials (formerly Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Conference), Chair, 2016; Vice-Chair, 2015; Faculty Member, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2014, 2013
 - Securities Law Committee, Member, Board of Directors Liaison, 2021-2022
 - General Law and Practice Committee, Chair, 2017-2019; Vice-Chair, 2016-2017
 - Education Committee, Chair, 2011-2013; Vice-Chair, 2010-2011
 - Board of Directors Nominating Committee, 2019, 2014
- Women in Public Finance, Pacific Northwest Chapter, current Board Member and Board Treasurer
- Washington Public Treasurers Association, current Education Committee Member
- Washington Association of Municipal Attorneys, former Civil Topics Committee Member
- Puget Sound Finance Officers Association, former Board Member
- Washington Association of Public Utility District Attorneys
- Washington Finance Officers Association
- Washington Public Ports Association

Community Involvement:

- Big Star Performing Arts Studio, Competition Performance Team Booster Club, current Member
- Mt. Si Gymnastics Academy Booster Club, former Board Member and Board President, former Board Treasurer
- Sno-Valley Wildcats Junior Football and Cheerleading Association, former Board Member and Board Treasurer
- Si View Metropolitan Park District, former volunteer youth track coach
- Encompass Northwest, former Board Member
- Hopelink, Executive Leadership Council, former Member
- Solid Ground, former Board Member, Board Treasurer and Board President, 2006-2012