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Housing Finance Public Policy
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she, her, hers

Kyra Perrigo is an Of Counsel in Pacifica's Public Law and Finance Practice Group, where she focuses on affordable housing financing, public housing programs, federal grants, and advising public entities.

Prior to working at Pacifica, Kyra worked for 15 years in the Office of General Counsel at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While at HUD, she served as the Associate Regional Counsel for Housing Finance and Programs in Seattle, where she led a team of real estate attorneys who worked on public housing repositioning, asset management transactions, 202 capital advance grants, and Federal Housing Administration (FHA) closings. In that role, she also advised on HUD housing programs, community development grants, HUD's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, and compliance with federal regulations. She was also the lead attorney to the Alaska and Northwest Offices of Native American Programs.

Kyra first became interested in affordable housing during her time in AmeriCorps, which included working with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, where she organized the local Women Build event, and with the King County Housing Authority, where she provided supportive services to public housing residents at the White Center Food Bank. She continues to be active in her community and currently serves on the board of Arms Around Bainbridge, a nonprofit on Bainbridge Island that fundraises to support community members experiencing a medical crisis. In her free time, she enjoys reading, hiking, climbing, and spending time with her husband and two sons.

Bar Admissions:

- Washington
- Wisconsin (inactive)

Education:

- Macalester College B.A., *cum laude*, International Studies and Political Science
- University of Wisconsin, J.D. (*Wisconsin International Law Journal*, Editor-in-Chief)

Honors:

- Senior Fellow in the Excellence in Government Program through the Partnership for Public Service

Speaking & Presentations:

- HUD Office of Native American Programs Attorney Conference, Monitoring of Housing and Community Development Grants and State Specific Issues, September 2024
- ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law Conference, HUD Post Closing and Asset Management Issues, May 2024
- HUD OGC Closing School, Introduction to FHA Loan Documents, May 2024
- HUD Northwest Office of Native American Programs, Income Calculations and Impact of HOTMA, Fall 2023
- HUD Seattle Office of Public Housing, Conflicts of Interest in Public Housing, Fall 2023
- Southern Plains Indian Housing Association Spring Meeting, Fair Housing Act and Assistance Animals, April 2023
- HUD Office of Native American Programs and Office of General Counsel Lunch and Learn, *Brackeen v. Haaland* and HUD's Native American Programs, Summer 2022
- HUD OGC Section 232 Virtual Trainings on Troubled Projects, Master Leases, and Impacts of Covid-19, 2021

Publications:

- "HUD's Collaboration with Tribal Nations to Respond to Covid-19," *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*, Vol. 30 No. 1 (2021) (with Elly Kugler)
- "The Role of Courts in Making the Right to Housing a Reality Throughout Europe: Lessons from France and the Netherlands," *Wisconsin International Law Journal* (Spring 2010)

Community Involvement:

- Arms Around Bainbridge, Board of Directors
- AmeriCorps Volunteer at King County Housing Authority/White Center Food Bank
- AmeriCorps Volunteer at Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Representative Matters:

- Represented HUD in the 202 Capital Advance closing for Northaven West in the Northgate neighborhood of Seattle.
- As HUD counsel, assisted Public Housing Authorities with Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) transactions, Streamline Voluntary Conversions, and Section 18 dispositions.