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Alyssa is dedicated to achieving client objectives through fostering positive labor-management relationships and finding mutually agreeable solutions.

Alyssa focuses her practice on helping public and private sector employers solve labor issues by advising in all aspects of the collective bargaining process, including working with bargaining teams to prioritize objectives, drafting proposals and contract language, serving as chief spokesperson during negotiations, and preparing for interest arbitration. She also has experience in grievance arbitrations and settlement negotiations, unfair labor practice proceedings, and related appeals.

Alyssa works proactively with employers to preserve the labor relationships, addressing potential issues and working creatively with opposing counsel/parties to propose mutually acceptable and efficient solutions.

Education

J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law, 2013 (*summa cum laude*)

- *Gonzaga Law Review*
- National Moot Court
- Thomas More Public Interest Scholar

B.A., University of Hawaii, Finance and International Business, 2007

Services

Labor, Employment & Immigration
Labor Advice

Admissions

Washington
Arizona

Honors & Recognition

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Labor and Employment Law - Management, 2025

News

71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trinchero Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

8.21.25

65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.24

Foster Garvey Elevates Five to Principal

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 1.5.23

Foster Garvey Welcomes Alyssa Melter as an Associate in the Firm's Labor, Employment & Immigration Group

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 4.19.21

Speaking Engagements

"Return from Leave Considerations," Policy to Practice, Session 6

Webinar

2.10.26

44th Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Virtual, October 21-22, 2025

"2025 Legislative Developments Every Washington Public Employer Should Know," Policy to Practice, Session 5

Webinar

9.16.25

"Bargaining in Uncertain Times - Laying the Groundwork for Success," Policy to Practice Educational Series, Session 4

Webinar

6.16.25

"Real Life Good (and Bad) Faith," Labor Relations Institute

Speaking Engagement

Yakima, WA, 5.7.25-5.9.25

"HR Checkup - Best Practices for Public Employers in 2025," Policy to Practice Educational Series, Session 3

Webinar

2.12.25

"Workplace Accommodations," Policy to Practice Educational Series, Session 2

Webinar

10.16.24

43rd Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

October 1-2, 2024

From Policy to Practice: Foster Garvey Launches New Quarterly Public Employer Educational Series

Webinar

6.14.24

42nd Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Virtual Event, 10.24.23-10.26.23

41st Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Virtual Event, 9.20.22-9.22.22

"Collective Bargaining Implications of Washington's 2021 Law Enforcement Reform Legislation," 2021 WSAMA Fall Conference

Speaking Engagement

Virtual Event, 9.29.21

Legal Alerts

2025 Legislative Developments Affecting Washington Employers

7.30.25

Publications

Model Civil Service Rules for Washington State Local Governments

9.30.24