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Chris has experience with a broad range of real estate and land use matters.

Chris' practice emphasizes both real estate and finance including expertise in retail, office, residential and mixed-use condominium projects. He regularly represents purchasers, sellers, developers, borrowers and lenders in joint ventures and transactions involving industrial, retail, office, multi-family, condominiums and mixed-use projects. His experience includes acquisitions, sales, leasing, development, land use, zoning and entity structuring. Chris's leasing experience includes office, industrial, retail and restaurant leasing and subleasing.

Education

Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM), Designation, 2011

Certificate in Commercial Real Estate, University of Washington, 2009

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1999

B.A., University of Washington (with distinction in Economics), 1996

Honors & Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America[®], Real Estate Law, 2024-present

Chambers USA (Washington) Leading Individual, Real Estate, 2021-present

Services

Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental

Commercial & Real Estate Finance

Hospitality, Travel & Tourism

Land Use & Development Permitting

Real Estate

Senior & Affordable Housing

Admissions

Washington

California

Illinois

Legal 500 City Elite

- Seattle – Real Estate, 2026

Professional Activities

California Bar Association, Member

King County Bar Association, Member

University of Washington Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, Advisory Board and Executive Committee, Secretary, 2010-present

Urban Land Institute, Member, 2008-Present

- Center for Sustainable Leadership
 - Task Force for Class of 2014
 - Class of 2013

Washington State Bar Association, Member

Community Activities

Leadership Tomorrow, Class of 2012

Washington Attorneys Assisting Community Organizations, Volunteer Attorney

News

18 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to 2026 Legal 500 City Elite Lists

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 1.21.26

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

8.21.25

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2025 Chambers USA Guide; 26 Attorneys and 13 Practices Ranked

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.5.25

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 Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2024 Chambers USA Guide; 20 Attorneys and 10 Practices Ranked

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.6.24

57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.17.23

Foster Garvey Receives Honors in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.1.23

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Leading Law Firms in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.1.22

Foster Garvey Named Among Leading Law Firms in *Chambers USA*; Three Attorneys Added to Rankings
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 5.20.21