

## Kelly A. Mennemeier

Principal

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Kelly is an accomplished trial and appellate lawyer with a track record of achieving favorable outcomes for clients in tribal, state, and federal courts.

Kelly's practice is focused on civil litigation, including cases of first impression, and encompasses a wide range of areas, including trademark and copyright litigation. She has also cultivated a strong presence in tribal law, working closely with tribal clients on treaty rights, natural resources, and employment-related issues.

Kelly also brings her knowledge and experience to assist clients in disputes involving commercial contracts, unfair competition, defamation, trust and estates, technology transactions, transportation, and real estate.

She has significant bench and jury trial experience in front of a range of tribunals and courts. Her appellate experience includes direct appeals and amicus briefs in state and federal appellate courts around the country.

Kelly is committed to giving back to the community through her active pro bono practice. She is Co-Chair of Foster Garvey's Pro Bono and Community Service Committee, where she leads initiatives aimed at providing legal assistance to those in need.

Prior to joining Foster Garvey, Kelly served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Peter J. Maassen of the Alaska Supreme Court.

### Services

Litigation  
Antitrust & Consumer Protection  
Appellate  
Copyright & Trademark  
Environmental & Natural Resources  
Environmental Litigation  
Intellectual Property Litigation  
IP & Technology  
Labor & Employment Litigation  
Labor, Employment & Immigration  
Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental  
Transportation & Logistics  
Tribal Governments & Enterprises

### Admissions

Washington, 2017  
Alaska, 2021  
US District Court, District of Alaska  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

## Education

J.D., Northwestern University School of Law (*magna cum laude*), 2016

- Order of the Coif
- Leigh B. Bienen Prize for Excellence in Writing and Research, 2016
- Arlyn Miner Book Award for Persuasive Writing, 2014
- National Trial Team, Captain
- *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, Executive Articles and Comment Editor

B.A., Wellesley College (*magna cum laude*), 2011

- Phi Beta Kappa

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

## Clerkships

Honorable Peter J. Maassen, Alaska Supreme Court, 2016-2017

## Honors & Recognition

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch - Litigation – Intellectual Property, 2024-present

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch - Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2022-present

Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers, 2025

Pepper Schubert Barer Public Service Award, 2020

## Community Activities

Seattle Women's Chorus, Member, 2024-present

Washington State Wellesley Club, Board Member, 2019-2024

- Secretary, 2019-2023

## News

19 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to the 2025 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Harris Gant Earns Special Recognition *Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.1.25

Foster Garvey Promotes Kelly Mennemeier to Principal

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 1.25

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

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.15.24

Triumph After Tragedy: A Deported Army Veteran Returns Home After Nearly Three Decades

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 7.25.24

Summer Associates Team Up With the Truth, Hope & Justice Initiative to Drive Systemic Change

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 5.31.24

Adrian Winder's Service to a Domestic Abuse Survivor

10.19.23

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

45 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among *The Best Lawyers In America*®

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.18.22

Foster Garvey Releases 2021 Pro Bono Report, Celebrates Nearly 4,000 Hours Donated

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 4.4.22

38 Attorneys Named 2022 Best Lawyers in America; 11 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.19.21

ACLU of Washington Files Lawsuit Against Washington Department of Licensing for Suspending Licenses of Individuals Who Cannot Afford to Pay Fines for Moving Violations

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 10.7.20

Seattle Indian Health Board Research Helps Create Government Task Force for Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 1.7.20

Second Chance at Life

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 19

Assisting Veterans Previously Denied Benefits

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 11.19

Veterans Previously Denied Disability Benefits Get a Second Chance

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 11.11.19

"Petitions We're Watching," SCOTUSBlog  
*SCOTUSBlog*, 5.16.19

Foster Pepper Files Cert Petition to Clarify Patent Eligibility for Computer-Implemented  
Inventions  
*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 3.15.19

### **Speaking Engagements**

"Copyright Year in Review," Washington Lawyers for the Arts  
Speaking Engagement  
Virtual Event, 10.28.20

"Legal Update Regarding Issues Arising in the Pandemic Environment," Washington Trucking  
Associations Webinar  
Webinar  
4.27.20

"Is Your Workplace Ready for Washington State's New Employment Laws?"  
Webinar  
5.15.18

### **Legal Alerts**

Supreme Court Limits International Application of the Lanham Act in *Abitron* Decision  
7.12.23

Extended Rights for "High-Risk" Employees in Washington State  
7.31.20

Surging Unemployment Claims Pose New Challenges to Employers – Are You Ready?  
4.24.20

Updates on the New Federal Paid Sick Leave and Paid Child Care Leave Laws  
4.1.20

COVID-19 and the Workplace: What an Employer Should Know About the New Federal Leave  
Laws  
3.24.20

COVID-19 as a Force Majeure: Likely Impacts of the Coronavirus Spread on Transportation  
Contracts  
3.19.20

U.S. Supreme Court Invalidates Law Against Offensive Trademarks  
6.24.19

U.S. Department of Labor Issues New Guidelines for For-Profit Corporate Internship Programs  
2.8.18

### **Publications**

The Impact of COVID-19 on IP Contracts  
*IPWatchdog*, 4.13.20

"Contracts and Force Majeure," *TransDigest*, Volume XXV, Issue No. 265  
*TransDigest*, March 2020

The Varying Laws Governing Facial Recognition Technology  
*IPWatchdog*, 1.30.20

"A Right to Know How You'll Die: A First Amendment Challenge to State Secrecy Statutes Regarding Lethal Injection Drugs," Northwestern Law, *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, Vol. 107, Issue 3  
*The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, Vol. 107, Issue 3, 2017

"Imagining a Role for Artificially Intelligent Juries," Sacramento County Bar Association  
*Sacramento Lawyer Magazine*, July 2017