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Steve's practice focuses on litigation involving state and local governments, particularly in the provision of utility and other public services.

Steve has represented local governments, and those who work with local governments, for nearly 50 years. His particular experience includes representation of jurisdictions on eminent domain, utilities (water, wastewater, storm water, solid waste systems), local improvement districts, facility siting and development.

Steve is a regular presenter to organizations such as the Washington State Bar Association section programs, the Association of Washington Cities, the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys and the International Municipal Law Association. Additionally, he has presented at 42 of the 43 Annual Civil Service Conferences for Washington local governments and has hosted the program for more than 20 years.

Services

Public Finance & Municipal Government

Appellate

Election and Political Law, Public Policy & Lobbying

Eminent Domain & Inverse Condemnation

Environmental & Natural Resources

Environmental Litigation

Government Contracts

Labor & Employment Litigation

Labor, Employment & Immigration

Land Use & Development Permitting

Ports

Public Records & Open Government

Real Estate

Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental

School Districts

Transportation & Logistics

Admissions

Washington, 1976

Education

- J.D., Seattle University, 1976
- B.A., University of Washington, 1973
 - Oval Club Scholastic Honorary

U.S. District Court, Eastern
Division of Washington,
1993

U.S. District Court, Western
Division of Washington,
1976

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the 9th Circuit, 1980

U.S. Supreme Court, State
of Washington, 1976

Honors & Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America® Appellate Practice, 2012-present

- Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year,” Appellate Practice,
2023

Ernest H. Campbell Award for Excellence in the Practice of
Municipal Law (WSAMA Lifetime Achievement Award), 2019

Best in the Business: Leading Lawyers in the Puget Sound
Region, *Seattle Business* magazine, Appellate Practice, 2013

Washington Super Lawyers list, 2002-present

2010 Top Lawyer, *Seattle Metropolitan* magazine

Martindale-Hubbell AV rating

Professional Activities

American Bar Association, State and Local Government Law and
Employment Law Sections, Member

Foster Garvey, [Opportunity & Progress Council](#), Member,
2020-2024

International Municipal Lawyers Association, Member

King County Bar Association, Trustee, 1986-1989

King County Bar Foundation, Trustee, 2018-2020

Municipal League, Board of Trustees, 2010-2013

South King County Bar Association, Trustee, 1986-1988

South King County Legal Clinic

- Founder and Attorney Coordinator, 1985-1986

- Volunteer, 1978-1989

University of Washington

- Evans Graduate School of Public Affairs, Lecturer

Washington State Bar Association

- Environmental and Land Use Law and Administrative Law Sections, Member
- Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys, Member

Experience

Below is a representative sample of litigation and associated appellate work. See [here](#) for more extensive appellate list and [here](#) for partial list of real estate-specific appellate cases.

Brower v. State/Football Northwest

137 Wn.2d 44 (1998) (Successful defense of Seattle Seahawk stadium project and legislative referendum)

Washington Securities v. Horse Heaven Heights

132 Wn. App. 188, 149 P.3d 379 (2006), rev. denied, 158 Wn. 2d 1023 (successful prosecution of quiet title action for rail right of way)

Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority v. Miller

156 Wn.2d 403 (2006) (successful defense of Sound Transit eminent domain action)

City of Port Angeles v. Our Water-Our Choice

145 Wn. App. 869, 188 P.3d 533 (2008); 170 Wn.2d 1, 239 P.3d 589 (2010) (successful defense of water fluoridation program)

HTK v. Seattle Popular Monorail

155 Wn.2d 612 (2005) (successful defense of municipal condemnation authority)

Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County v. State of Washington

Peter Goldmark, 174 Wn. App 793, 301 P.3d 472 (2013); 182 Wn.2d 519; 342 P.3d 308 (2015) (successful prosecution of utility corridor acquisition)

Servais v. Port of Bellingham

127 Wn.2d 820 (1995) (amicus for Washington Public Ports Association in defense of protected public records)

Klickitat Citizens v. Klickitat County

122 Wn.2d 619 (1993) (Defense of comprehensive plan and environmental impact statement for regional landfill)

Rabanco v. King County

125 Wn. App. 794 (2005) (successful defense of county solid waste management authority)

Wong, et al. v. City of Long Beach

119 Wn. App. (2004) rev. denied 152 Wn.2d 1015 (2004) (successful defense of city trail project)

Washington Waste Systems, Inc. v. Clark County

115 Wn.2d 74 (1990) (Defense of multi-million dollar government contract procurement)

Grant County Fire District No. 5 v. Moses Lake

Supreme Court, 150 Wn.2d 791 (2004) (Court reconsiders and unanimously reverses earlier ruling; affirms city annexation authority)

Babcock v. Mason County Fire Dist. No. 6

144 Wn.2d 774 (2001) (amicus for Fire Commissioners Association regarding public duty doctrine)

City of Seattle v. Shepherd

93 Wn.2d 861, 613 P.2d 1158 (1980) (upholding crime victims' rights to recovery of stolen property)

News

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

8.21.25

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

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.1.25

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

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.24

14 Attorneys Named to 2024 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Gant Featured Among Top Attorneys

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.31.24

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

13 Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Washington Super Lawyers Lists
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.31.23

Steve DiJulio Receives Ernest H. Campbell Award for Excellence in the Practice of Municipal Law
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 9.29.22

45 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among *The Best Lawyers In America*®
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.18.22

12 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2022
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.14.22

38 Attorneys Named 2022 Best Lawyers in America; 11 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.19.21

11 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2021
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.15.21

Foster Garvey Celebrates Its One-Year Anniversary
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 10.1.20

43 Attorneys Named 2021 *Best Lawyers in America*; 10 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.20.20

11 Attorneys Named Washington Super Lawyers and Five Named Rising Stars
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.16.20

Foster Garvey Stands Against Racism, Bias and Hate, and We Are Taking Action
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.8.20

Foster Garvey and COVID-19 - Safety and Service
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 3.13.20

City of Anacortes First in North America to Deliver High-Speed Internet via Water Pipes
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 10.30.19

Foster Pepper and Garvey Schubert Barer Combine to Create Mission-Driven Firm, Expand Reach and Services
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 10.1.19

50 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named 2020 *Best Lawyers in America*
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.19

Foster Pepper and Garvey Schubert Barer Announce Combination to Create Mission-Driven Firm, Expand Reach and Services
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.17.19

32 Attorneys Named Super Lawyers and Eight Named Rising Stars
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.10.19

Speaking Engagements

44th Annual Civil Service Conference
Event
Virtual, October 21-22, 2025

43rd Annual Civil Service Conference
Event
October 1-2, 2024

Downtown Seattle Association's 2024 MID Annual Meeting & Party
Event
Seattle, WA, 6.27.24

"Hot Topics in Governance and Law," Association of Washington Cities Annual Meeting
Speaking Engagement
Vancouver, WA, 6.20.24

"Hiring of DACA Recipients in the Public Safety Services," Webinar with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) and Public Safety Testing
Webinar
6.18.24

WSAMA 2024 Spring Conference
Event
Vancouver, WA, April 24 - April 26, 2024

"The Administration of City Government," Edmonds City Council Retreat
Speaking Engagement
Edmonds, Washington, 2.2.24

AWC Elected Officials Essentials 2023
Speaking Engagement
12.9.23

42nd Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Virtual Event, 10.24.23-10.26.23

"A Series of Unfortunate Events: A Brief History of Failed Municipal Bond Issues in Washington and Lessons for a City Attorney," WSAMA's 2023 Spring Conference

Speaking Event

Semiahmoo, WA, 4.20.23

41st Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Virtual Event, 9.20.22-9.22.22

"Elected Roles and Responsibilities: Re-Engaging and Rebuilding Trust," Association of Washington Cities (AWC) 2022 Annual Meeting

Speaking Engagement

Hilton Vancouver Washington 301 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660, 6.22.22

40th Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Virtual Event, 9.28.21-9.30.21

39th Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Virtual Event, 10-13.20-10.14.20

38th Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Yakima, WA, September 9 - 10, 2019

Solid Waste in Washington, Law Seminars International

Speaking Engagement

Seattle, WA, 8.6.19

"Condemnation: Particular Practices and Processes - Trends and Updates," 2019 WSAMA

Spring Conference

Speaking Engagement

Vancouver, WA, 4.25.19

"Workplace Investigations in the Age of #MeToo"

Webinar

11.27.18

37th Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Yakima, WA, 9.20.18

2018 Tri-Cities Municipal Government & Public Finance Seminar

Event

Benton City, WA, 7.2018

36th Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Yakima, WA, 9.18.17

Public Records & Open Meetings, Law Seminars International

Speaking Engagement

Seattle, WA, 3.31.17

"Politics and the Workplace"

Webinar

10.11.16

"Annual Legal Update," 35th Annual Civil Service Conference

Speaking Engagement

Wenatchee, WA, 9.12.16

34th Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Yakima, WA

"Is Your Employee Handbook Ready for Prime Time?"

Speaking Engagement

Seattle, WA, 4.21.15

33rd Annual Civil Service Conference

Event

Yakima, WA, 9.22.14

Conducting Effective Workplace Investigations

Event

Seattle, WA, 2.22.12

Social Media in the Workplace - Helping Employers Navigate Legal Risks in the Age of Facebook and Twitter
Event
Seattle, WA, 5.10.11

Legal Alerts

SkyCorp Ltd v. King County: Washington Appellate Court Ruling Affirms County's Authority in Waste Regulation
8.6.24

Washington Supreme Court Sets New Criteria for Closing Public Records Requests
4.15.24

Washington Supreme Court Levels the Playing Field in Real Estate and Land Use Litigation
6.9.15

NLRB: Employers Cannot Ban Employees From Using Company's Email System for Union-Related Communications
Foster Pepper News Alert, 12.17.14

U.S. Supreme Court Decision Expands Scope of Takings Clause
June 2013

Court of Appeals Reaffirms Public Utility District Authority to Condemn State School Trust Lands
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 5.10.13

Publications

Model Civil Service Rules for Washington State Local Governments
9.30.24

Washington Administrative Law Handbook, Chapter 14
11.12

Giving for the City: Constitutional Limits on Municipal Economic Development Programs
Cityvision Magazine, March/April 2012

A Blessing on Your Meeting?
MRSC In Focus: Council/Commission Advisor, April 2012

Washington Public Records Act Deskbook, Chapter 14
1.12

Washington Real Property Deskbook: Causes of Action, Taxation, Regulation
1.12

Council Meeting Conduct and Citizen Rights under the First Amendment
Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington, November 2019