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PRACTICES

Land Use
Litigation & Investigations
Oil, Gas, & LNG
Public Lands
Real Estate

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School
Washington University in St. Louis

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar
U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Washington
Washington State Court of
Appeals (Div I, II, III)
U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Washington
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit

CLARA PARK
PARTNER



Professional Background

Clara is a member of the firm's land use practice group and has extensive experience representing developers, property owners, and municipal clients in the areas of land use, environmental, real estate, and municipal law. Her practice focuses on securing and defending permitting for energy facilities and other major infrastructure projects facing significant opposition, helping clients navigate issues arising under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Shoreline Management Act, Growth Management Act (GMA), and other local, state, and federal land use and environmental laws. She counsels clients on developing comprehensive permitting strategies and regularly litigates before local adjudicators, state administrative tribunals, and state and federal courts to defend project approvals and agency actions.

She previously worked at a mid-sized law firm in Honolulu, Hawaii, where her practice focused on land use and commercial litigation. Before entering private practice, Clara served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Daniel R. Foley of the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals, where she assisted in drafting opinions.

Clara serves as the firm's Pro Bono Coordinator.

Representative Experience

- Represents independent power producers in land use, environmental review, and permitting for major generation, transmission, and distribution projects, including coordination with local governments during project development.
- Provided land use counsel for an energy developer's standalone battery energy storage projects in Washington State, including local, state, and federal permitting needed to acquire, construct, and operate large-scale BESS facilities.
- Provides ongoing land use support for a city in Washington as it navigates complex planning and permitting processes, ensuring that growth aligns with community values and regulatory frameworks.

Awards and Honors

Super Lawyers

Rising Stars, 2016-2017, 2019-2020

Hawaii State Bar Association Leadership Institute Fellow, 2015

Articles and Presentations

- CLE Bootcamp, The Seminar Group, Seattle WA, 12/11/2025
- 2025 Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) Annual Meeting, Northwest Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC), Union WA, 09/07/2025