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John Hoerster is a Public Service Counsel for the firm. He helps lead the firm's Next Chapter program under which senior lawyers provide pro bono legal and community services, serves on the firm's Pro Bono and Community Service Committee, and personally provides public service. John was a member of the firm from 1971 until 2010, serving as general outside counsel for clients in the maritime, transportation and nonprofit healthcare industries, while focusing in the legal areas of corporate governance and mergers & acquisitions. He also served as Chairman and Managing Director of the firm for 20 years, most recently from 2000 through 2009. John was an architect of the firm's public service program beginning in the 1970's, and has always been an active public service participant. In 2010, John joined Saltchuk Resources as Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Ethics Officer, where he helped lead Saltchuk's acquisition, corporate governance, ethics & compliance, risk management, and government affairs programs. John retired from Saltchuk at the end of 2016 and returned to the firm as Public Service Counsel.

Admissions

Washington, 1969

Education

J.D., University of Washington School of Law (with honors), 1969

- Order of the Coif
- *Washington Law Review*, Notes Editor

B.A., Princeton University (*cum laude*), 1966

Professional Activities

Garvey Schubert Barer

- Chair, 2000-2009 and 1992-1994
- Managing Director, 1980, 1985-1991, 2000-2009

Saltchuk Resources, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Ethics Officer, 2010-2016

VISTA lawyer, 1969-1970

Community Activities

Athletes for a Better World, Chair Emeritus and Honorary Lifetime Board Member

Endowment for Equal Justice

- Board Member, 2012-present
- President, 2015-present

Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow, 1970-1971

St. Mark's Cathedral, Chancellor Emeritus, Chancellor, 2000-2019

University of Washington, Evans School of Public Policy & Governance

- Advisory Board, 2000-present
- Board Chair, Chair Emeritus, 2012-2019

News

Foster Garvey Celebrates 25 Years as Pro Bono Challenge® Charter Signatory Firm; Continues Tradition of Pro Bono

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 2.6.20