

Foster Garvey Names Principal Rafael Stone as Firm Co-Chair

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Foster Garvey PC today announces it has named [Rafael Stone](#) as firm co-chair, effective January 1. This announcement comes as [P. Stephen DiJulio](#) has completed his term as co-chair, having served the firm in this role since 2017. Stone joins fellow co-chair [Diana Shukis](#), along with Management Committee members [Joseph West](#) and [Jim McNeill](#) to lead the daily operations of one of the Pacific Northwest's most established law firms.

"All of us at Foster Garvey are grateful to Steve for his leadership. Under his guidance, our combination has been firmly established despite the challenges faced during the pandemic," said Shukis. "As Steve transitions back to his legal practice, we are thrilled Rafael has agreed to join me and our Management Team in shaping our firm's future. We are eager to look ahead in the New Year and I cannot think of anyone better suited than Rafael to lead the firm as we construct our vision for the future."

"I am honored to have served our firm as co-chair," said DiJulio. "Guiding our firm through its combination as well as the enduring challenges of the COVID-19 crisis has been a humbling experience, and I am thankful for the firm's trust in me throughout my extended tenure as co-chair. I look forward to working with Rafael and Diana as they spearhead the future of the firm."

Stone will continue to serve as co-chair of Foster Garvey's Investment Management practice. He advises over 30 public pension funds located throughout the United States in all aspects of public pension fund alternative investments and has successfully navigated through a significant number of workouts and overseen litigation involving disputes between the firm's investor clients and fund managers.

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Equally remarkable is his tenure of community service to the region. Currently, Stone serves on the Board of Directors for the Blethen Corporation and *The Seattle Times*. He previously served for ten years as a Regent for Washington State University and as Chair of the African American Heritage Foundation. As an attorney, Stone is sought-after for his deep knowledge of alternative investments. He is listed by *Chambers USA* (Nationwide) as a leading attorney for Investment Funds: Investor Representation.

“It is an honor to be selected for this unique role, and to join my colleague Diana Shukis and our Management Committee in bringing our firm’s vision to life,” said Stone. “That vision is defined by our region’s future growth. With our 170 years of combined history, we bring a distinct and broad view unlike any other legal team in the area for the benefit of our own communities. I am eager to build on our legacy as we solidify our growth strategies over the near term.”