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Overview

Chris has experience with a broad range of real estate and land use matters.

His practice emphasizes both real estate and finance, including expertise in retail, office, residential and mixed-use condominium projects. He regularly represents purchasers, sellers, developers, borrowers and lenders in joint ventures and transactions involving industrial, retail, office, multi-family, condominiums and mixed-use projects. His experience includes acquisitions, sales, leasing, development, land use, zoning and entity structuring. Chris's leasing experience includes office, industrial, retail and restaurant leasing and subleasing.

Areas of Focus

- [Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental](#)
- [Commercial & Real Estate Finance](#)
- [Hospitality, Travel & Tourism](#)
- [Land Use & Development Permitting](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Senior & Affordable Housing](#)

Admissions

- Washington
- California
- Illinois

Education

- Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM), Designation, 2011
- Certificate in Commercial Real Estate, University of Washington, 2009
- J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1999
- B.A., University of Washington (with distinction in Economics), 1996

Honors & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Real Estate Law, 2024-present
- *Chambers USA* (Washington) Leading Individual, Real Estate, 2021-present
- Legal 500 City Elite
 - Seattle - Real Estate, 2026

Professional Activities

- California Bar Association, Member
- King County Bar Association, Member
- University of Washington Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, Advisory Board and Executive Committee, Secretary, 2010-present
- Urban Land Institute, Member, 2008-Present
 - Center for Sustainable Leadership
 - Task Force for Class of 2014
 - Class of 2013
- Washington State Bar Association, Member

Community Activities

- Leadership Tomorrow, Class of 2012
- Washington Attorneys Assisting Community Organizations, Volunteer Attorney

News & Insights

News

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2026 Chambers USA Guide: 34 Attorneys and 15 Practices Ranked](#)

[06.04.26](#)

[18 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to 2026 Legal 500 City Elite Lists](#)

[01.21.26](#)

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

[08.21.25](#)

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2025 Chambers USA Guide; 26 Attorneys and 13 Practices Ranked](#)

[06.05.25](#)

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

[08.15.24](#)

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2024 Chambers USA Guide; 20 Attorneys and 10 Practices Ranked](#)

[06.06.24](#)

[57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.17.23](#)

[Foster Garvey Receives Honors in 2023 Chambers USA Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured](#)

[06.01.23](#)

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Leading Law Firms in 2022 Chambers USA Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured](#)

[06.01.22](#)

[Foster Garvey Named Among Leading Law Firms in Chambers USA; Three Attorneys Added to Rankings](#)

[05.20.21](#)

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