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Overview

Kelly is an accomplished trial and appellate lawyer with a track record of achieving favorable outcomes for clients in tribal, state, and federal courts.

Kelly's practice is focused on civil litigation, including cases of first impression, and encompasses a wide range of areas, including trademark and copyright litigation. She has also cultivated a strong presence in tribal law, working closely with tribal clients on treaty rights, natural resources, and employment-related issues.

Kelly also brings her knowledge and experience to assist clients in disputes involving commercial contracts, unfair competition, defamation, trust and estates, technology transactions, transportation, and real estate.

She has significant bench and jury trial experience in front of a range of tribunals and courts. Her appellate experience includes direct appeals and amicus briefs in state and federal appellate courts around the country.

Kelly is committed to giving back to the community through her active pro bono practice. She is Co-Chair of Foster Garvey's [Pro Bono and Community Service Committee](#), where she leads initiatives aimed at providing legal assistance to those in need.

Prior to joining Foster Garvey, Kelly served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Peter J. Maassen of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Areas of Focus

- [Litigation](#)
- [Antitrust & Consumer Protection](#)
- [Appellate Services](#)
- [Copyright, Trademark, Trade Secrets & More](#)
- [Environmental & Natural Resources](#)
- [Environmental Litigation](#)
- [Intellectual Property Litigation](#)
- [Intellectual Property, Privacy & Technology](#)
- [Labor & Employment Litigation](#)
- [Labor, Employment & Immigration](#)
- [Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental](#)
- [Tribal Governments & Enterprises](#)

Admissions

- Washington, 2017
- Alaska, 2021
- U.S. District Court, District of Alaska
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Education

- J.D., Northwestern University School of Law (*magna cum laude*), 2016
 - Order of the Coif
 - Leigh B. Bienen Prize for Excellence in Writing and Research, 2016
 - Arlyn Miner Book Award for Persuasive Writing, 2014
 - National Trial Team, Captain
 - *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, Executive Articles and Comment Editor
- B.A., Wellesley College (*magna cum laude*), 2011
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Honors & Recognitions

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Litigation - Intellectual Property, 2024-present
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Litigation - Labor and Employment, 2022-present

- Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers, 2025
- Pepper Schubert Barer Public Service Award, 2020

Clerkships

- Honorable Peter J. Maassen, Alaska Supreme Court, 2016-2017

Community Activities

- Seattle Women's Chorus, Member, 2024-present
- Washington State Wellesley Club, Board Member, 2019-2024
 - Secretary, 2019-2023

News & Insights

News

[19 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to the 2025 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Harris Gant Earns Special Recognition](#)

[08.01.25](#)

[Foster Garvey Promotes Kelly Mennemeier to Principal](#)

[01.01.25](#)

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

[08.15.24](#)

[Triumph After Tragedy: A Deported Army Veteran Returns Home After Nearly Three Decades](#)

[07.25.24](#)

[Summer Associates Team Up With the Truth, Hope & Justice Initiative to Drive Systemic Change](#)

[05.31.24](#)

[Adrian Winder's Service to a Domestic Abuse Survivor](#)

[10.19.23](#)

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

[08.17.23](#)

[45 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among The Best Lawyers In America®](#)

[08.18.22](#)

[Foster Garvey Releases 2021 Pro Bono Report, Celebrates Nearly 4,000 Hours Donated](#)

[04.04.22](#)

[38 Attorneys Named 2022 Best Lawyers in America; 11 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#)

[08.19.21](#)

[ACLU of Washington Files Lawsuit Against Washington Department of Licensing for Suspending Licenses of Individuals Who Cannot Afford to Pay Fines for Moving Violations](#)

[10.07.20](#)

[Seattle Indian Health Board Research Helps Create Government Task Force for Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)

[01.07.20](#)

[Veterans Previously Denied Disability Benefits Get a Second Chance](#)

[11.11.19](#)

[Assisting Veterans Previously Denied Benefits](#)

[11.01.19](#)

["Petitions We're Watching," SCOTUSBlog](#)

[05.16.19](#)

[Foster Pepper Files Cert Petition to Clarify Patent Eligibility for Computer-Implemented Inventions](#)

[03.15.19](#)

[Second Chance at Life](#)

[01.01.19](#)

Events

["Copyright Year in Review," Washington Lawyers for the Arts](#)

[10.28.20](#)

[“Legal Update Regarding Issues Arising in the Pandemic Environment,” Washington Trucking Associations Webinar](#)

[04.27.20](#)

[“Is Your Workplace Ready for Washington State's New Employment Laws?”](#)

[05.15.18](#)

Legal Alerts

[Supreme Court Limits International Application of the Lanham Act in Abitron Decision](#)

[07.12.23](#)

[Extended Rights for "High-Risk" Employees in Washington State](#)

[07.31.20](#)

[Surging Unemployment Claims Pose New Challenges to Employers - Are You Ready?](#)

[04.24.20](#)

[Updates on the New Federal Paid Sick Leave and Paid Child Care Leave Laws](#)

[04.01.20](#)

[COVID-19 and the Workplace: What an Employer Should Know About the New Federal Leave Laws](#)

[03.24.20](#)

[COVID-19 as a Force Majeure: Likely Impacts of the Coronavirus Spread on Transportation Contracts](#)

[03.19.20](#)

[U.S. Supreme Court Invalidates Law Against Offensive Trademarks](#)

[06.24.19](#)

[U.S. Department of Labor Issues New Guidelines for For-Profit Corporate Internship Programs](#)

[02.08.18](#)

Publications

[The Impact of COVID-19 on IP Contracts](#)

[04.13.20](#)

["Contracts and Force Majeure," TransDigest, Volume XXV, Issue No. 265](#)

[03.01.20](#)

[The Varying Laws Governing Facial Recognition Technology](#)

[01.30.20](#)

["Imagining a Role for Artificially Intelligent Juries," Sacramento County Bar Association](#)

[07.01.17](#)

["A Right to Know How You'll Die: A First Amendment Challenge to State Secrecy Statutes Regarding Lethal Injection Drugs," Northwestern Law, The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, Vol. 107, Issue 3](#)

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