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Overview

Lee's practice focuses on general municipal law and public finance.

Lee serves as bond counsel to school districts, fire protection districts, water-sewer districts, cities, towns and other local governments throughout Washington. He also provides general representation on public law issues, including entity formation, governance, state and local taxes and fees, municipal-owned utilities, elections and open government. Lee has represented local governments in bond validation actions, local improvement district assessment appeals, Public Disclosure Commission proceedings and open government lawsuits.

Areas of Focus

- [Public Finance](#)
- [Election and Political Law, Public Policy & Lobbying](#)
- [Environmental & Natural Resources](#)
- [Ports](#)
- [Public Records & Open Government](#)
- [School Districts](#)
- [Senior & Affordable Housing](#)
- [State & Local Government](#)

Admissions

- Washington, 2012

Education

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law (with high honors), 2012
 - Order of the Coif
 - *Washington Law Review*, Associate Editor-in-Chief
 - Puget Sound Area Minority Clerkship Program Recipient, 2010
- B.A., University of Washington (*cum laude*), 2003

Honors & Recognitions

- *Chambers USA* (Washington) Up and Coming, Public Finance, 2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Municipal Law, 2025
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Municipal Law and Public Finance Law, 2021-present

Community Activities

- International Community Health Services, Board Member, 2017-2022

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](#)

[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](#)

[Municipal, Health & Housing Practice Announces Change in Group's Leadership](#)

[02.06.24](#)

[Lee Marchisio Featured in the National Association of Bond Lawyers' Member Spotlight](#)

[01.29.24](#)

[Municipal Lawyers Recognized as Top Bond Counsel \(Competitive\) for Third Quarter 2023](#)

[11.01.23](#)

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

[08.17.23](#)

[Municipal Lawyers Recognized as Top Bond Counsel \(Competitive\) for First Quarter 2023](#)

[05.18.23](#)

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

[08.18.22](#)

[12 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2022](#)

[07.14.22](#)

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

[08.19.21](#)

[11 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2021](#)

[07.15.21](#)

[43 Attorneys Named 2021 Best Lawyers in America; 10 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#)

[08.20.20](#)

[Foster Garvey Public Finance Team Closes \\$1.2 Billion in Bonds in One Week](#)

[01.07.20](#)

Events

[WASBO 2024 Annual Conference](#)

[05.08-05.10.2024](#)

[“Election Boot Camp \(Part 1\): Legal Requirements and Rules,” 2023 Washington Fire Chiefs Annual Conference](#)

[05.24.23](#)

[WASBO 2023 Annual Conference](#)

[5.3.23 – 5.5.23](#)

[“A Series of Unfortunate Events: A Brief History of Failed Municipal Bond Issues in Washington and Lessons for a City Attorney,” WSAMA’s 2023 Spring Conference](#)

[06.09.26](#)

[“Managing Incompatible Offices and Conflicts of Interest When Local Elected Officials, Officers and Employees Seek \(Another\) Office,” 2022 WSAMA Fall Conference](#)

[09.30.22](#)

[“Election Season Do’s and Don’ts,” COSA 2022 Spring Workshop](#)

[06.15.22](#)

[WASBO 2022 Annual Conference](#)

[05.04-05.06.2022](#)

[Washington Association of School Business Officials 2020 Annual Conference](#)

[5.2020](#)

[Southwest Washington Finance Officers Association Meeting](#)

[02.12.20](#)

[“Educational Programs and Operation Levies and Capital Levies” and “Keeping up with Another Year of Property Tax Changes: How Levy Lid Changes Impact Your Taxpayers and School District,” 2019 WSSDA Annual Conference](#)

[11.22.19](#)

[75th Annual WASBO Conference](#)

[05.08.19](#)

[2018 Tri-Cities Municipal Government & Public Finance Seminar](#)

[7.19.2018](#)

[74th Annual WASBO Conference](#)

[05.10.18](#)

["Bond Basics," Washington Fire Commissioners Association Legal Committee](#)

[05.01.18](#)

["District Resolution Writing," Washington Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference](#)

[05.01.18](#)

[36th Annual Civil Service Conference](#)

[09.18.17](#)

Legal Alerts

[SkyCorp Ltd v. King County: Washington Appellate Court Ruling Affirms County's Authority in Waste Regulation](#)

[08.06.24](#)

[Washington Supreme Court Sets New Criteria for Closing Public Records Requests](#)

[04.15.24](#)

[Upcoming Changes to EMMA User Accounts](#)

[06.22.23](#)

[Bond Compliance: Important Reminders During COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[04.05.20](#)

[A New School District Levy Lid: ESSB 5313](#)

[05.06.19](#)

[Pro Bono Legal Services Supporting Local Ballot Proposition Can Be Reportable Independent Expenditures Even if the Proposition Never Qualifies for the Ballot](#)

[01.23.19](#)

[New Public Records Act Legislation Taking Effect on July 23, 2017 - Are Your Policies and Practices Up-To-Date?](#)

06.30.17

Washington Supreme Court Levels the Playing Field in Real Estate and Land Use Litigation

06.09.15

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