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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

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- 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), Leading Individual, Public Finance, 2026; Up and Coming (Washington), Public Finance, 2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Municipal Law, 2025-present
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® – Municipal Law and Public Finance Law, 2021-2024

Community Activities

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

News & Insights

News

71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to the 2027 Best Lawyers® Lists; Six Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

08.20.26

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 Trinchero 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

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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

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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

08.26.26

"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

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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

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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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