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Sarah Washburn focuses her practice on trial and appellate litigation on behalf of public, private, and non-profit clients. She provides strategic advice and counsel and represents clients in litigation involving numerous subject areas, including constitutional law, contracts, eminent domain, municipal law, public policy and planning, and the political process. She also works with clients to develop, draft, and defend state and local initiatives covering a broad range of topics.

Before joining Pacifica, Sarah clerked for Judge Linda Lau of the Washington Court of Appeals, Division 1. During law school, Sarah served as a judicial extern for Judge Richard A. Jones of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. She also interned for Heart of America Northwest, where she researched environmental impacts relating to the Hanford Nuclear Site cleanup project.

Sarah is a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest. She lives in Seattle's Central District and spends as much time as possible outdoors, including gardening, hiking, and backpacking with her husband, Ben.

Bar Admissions:

- Washington
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Education:

- Arizona State University, B.S., Biology (major), Business (minor), *summa cum laude*
- University of Washington, J.D., Order of the Coif (Washington Law Review, Notes and Comments Editor)

Honors:

- Selected for *Washington Rising Stars*, 2017-2021
- Selected for inclusion in "Ones to Watch" list in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of Municipal Law, 2021-2025

Publications:

- “Distinguishing *Carcieri v. Salazar*: Why the Supreme Court Got it Wrong and How Congress and Courts Should Respond to Preserve Tribal and Federal Interests in the IRA’s Trust-Land Provisions,” 85 Wash. L. Rev. 603 (2011)

Professional Organizations:

- Washington State Bar Association, 2011-Present
- King County Bar Association, June 2014-Present