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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
Municipal Law
Public Policy and Political Matters

Pronouns:
she, her, hers

Shweta’s practice focuses on municipal, real estate, land use and commercial litigation. She has experience arguing motions, negotiating settlements and drafting pleadings.

Shweta also has prepared memoranda on issues including municipal liability, eminent domain, SEPA, GMA, and employment, and drafted contracts, inter-local agreements, ordinances and resolutions, and demand letters.

Before joining Pacifica, Shweta was an associate at a Seattle area firm practicing principally municipal law and real estate litigation. Prior to attending law school at the University of Washington, she worked in local government at the King County Council. During law school she externed with the Seattle City Attorney in the Land Use Division, and served as a judicial extern for Justice Mary Yu of the Washington State Supreme Court.

Shweta enjoys playing tennis, cooking, and hiking with her partner and dog.

Bar Admissions:

- Washington

Education:

- University of Washington, B.A., with honors
- University of Washington School of Law, J.D. (*Washington Journal for Environmental Law & Policy*, Managing Editor)

Honors:

- Selected for inclusion in the “Ones to Watch” list in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of Commercial Litigation, 2025

Publications:

- *Climate Finance and the Marshall Islands: Options for Adaptation, Policy Brief of the Marshall Islands Climate and Migration Project 1-20* (University of Hawaii at Manoa 2021), with Lauren Sancken and Brittany Wheeler

- *Enforceability of a "Pay-if-Paid Clause"*, 48 Washington, Constr. Law. 3 (Fall 2020)
- *Vulnerability and Climate Change Induced Human Displacement*, 17 Consilience: J. of Sustainable Dev. 103 (2017)

Professional and Community Involvement:

- QLaw Association of Washington, Member
- Phinney Neighborhood Association, Board Member