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SPEAKERS

NOAH PURCELL, SOLICITOR GENERAL

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In 2013 Attorney General Bob Ferguson appointed Seattle attorney Noah Purcell as the Solicitor General for the Washington State Attorney General's Office. Prior to joining the office, Noah worked as an attorney in Perkins Coie's Litigation and Appellate practices. His diverse litigation experience includes constitutional issues, antitrust claims, environmental law, preemption, campaign finance and administrative law. Noah served in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of General Counsel from 2009 to 2010, advising on security and immigration issues and working extensively on the federal government's challenge to Arizona's immigration law. After graduating magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, Noah worked as a law clerk for former U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge David Tatel of the D.C. Circuit.

CHARLES (CHAR) EBERHARDT, PARTNER

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Char Eberhardt, a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment practice, focuses on labor relations, employment counseling and class action litigation. He has extensive experience representing clients in wage and hour matters, data-intensive class litigation, high-stakes labor arbitrations, unfair labor practice proceedings, and TRO and injunction litigation.

CATHARINE (CATE) DEJULIO, ASSOCIATE

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Catharine DeJulio is a labor and employment attorney with a background in commercial, antitrust and securities litigation. Cate represents clients in federal and state court, in arbitrations and mediations, and on appeal. In addition to her litigation experience, Cate conducts internal investigations, represents clients in their responses to EEOC charges of discrimination and counsels clients on a range of employment issues.

HARRY H. SCHNEIDER, JR., PARTNER

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Harry Schneider practices litigation, trial practice and arbitration before state and federal courts and administrative bodies, with an emphasis on litigation involving professional liability, intellectual property, complex financial and commercial disputes, and fiduciary or estate and trust matters.



WILLIAM (BEN) STAFFORD, PARTNER

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Ben Stafford is a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment practice who focuses his practice on employment litigation and counseling. Ben has extensive experience defending complex wage-and-hour class action cases for clients including The Boeing Company, Comcast, OfficeMax, and Les Schwab.

Ben's experience extends to all aspects of such cases, including managing electronic discovery, defeating class certification, taking a case to trial, and appellate practice. Ben's other areas of experience include proactive defense of individual discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wage and hour claims arising from federal and state laws such as the Civil Rights Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Washington Law Against Discrimination. Representative clients include The Boeing Company and Microsoft.

JULIE LUCHT, PARTNER

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Julie Lucht, a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment practice, focuses on employment litigation and counseling. She represents clients in all phases of litigation in defense of numerous types of employment discrimination and other employment-related claims. She counsels and defends clients in connection with issues and claims arising under WLAD, Title VII, ADEA, ADA, FMLA, GINA, FLSA, WARN, NLRA, USERRA and related statutory and common law employment claims, as well as drafting employee handbooks, separation and termination agreements, equal employment opportunity policies, sexual harassment policies, employee leave policies, reasonable accommodation policies and employment contracts. She has served as temporary in-house counsel for a FORTUNE 100 company, handling a range of employment matters.

CHELSEA DWYER PETERSEN, PARTNER

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Chelsea Dwyer Petersen is a partner who focuses her practice on employment litigation with an emphasis on complex class action cases. Chelsea's areas of experience include proactive defense of discrimination and wage-and-hour class action and collective action cases for clients such as Comcast, The Boeing Company, Amazon and OfficeMax. She has substantial experience in all phases of class cases, including early strategic assessment, defeat of class certification, supervision of large-scale electronic document review, oversight of expert witnesses and taking a case to trial. She also regularly defends employers against individual discrimination, harassment, retaliation and wage-and-hour claims raised to state and federal enforcement agencies and filed in state and federal court. Representative clients include Microsoft and Starbucks.