

Foster Garvey Welcomes New Associate Kara Stoddart in the Firm's Portland Office

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January 2, 2020, Portland, OR - Foster Garvey is pleased to welcome Kara Stoddart to the firm's Portland office. She joins the firm as an Associate in the Trusts, Estates & Charitable Organizations group. Kara brings extensive experience as a fiduciary litigator representing individuals, trusts companies and non-profit organizations in a wide range of complex trusts and estates disputes.

Prior to relocating to the West Coast, Kara worked at an established law firm in New York state where she concentrated her practice on will contests; disputed estate and trust accounting proceedings; *cy pres* proceedings; trust modifications; fiduciary removal; undue influence; capacity cases; breach of fiduciary duty; financial elder abuse; contested guardianship and conservatorship matters; disputes regarding decedents' retirement accounts; and proceedings to approve settlements of wrongful death claims.

Kara is also an experienced business and commercial litigator representing clients in disputes such as breach of contract; challenges to state, municipal and agency decisions; eminent domain proceedings; corporate dissolutions and disputes; receivership matters; breach of fiduciary duty claims; and actions involving restrictive covenants. In addition to Oregon, she is also admitted to practice in Colorado, New York and U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.

Kara received her J.D. from State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, where she was a member of the Board of Editors at the *Buffalo Law Review*, an Articles Editor for the *Buffalo Journal of Gender, Law & Social Policy* and an Editor for the American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy

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