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Lori has more than 30 years of experience delivering winning litigation and negotiation strategies to her clients. She is recognized as one of the nation's top environmental lawyers and has defended clients against over 80 citizen-suit or agency enforcement actions.

Lori's experience includes defending her clients in cases involving some of the most complex water quality issues in the country. Lori has extensive experience with the Clean Water Act, RCRA, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Clean Air Act, EPCRA, and the Endangered Species Act.

She is consistently recognized by her clients and peers, including *Chambers USA*, where she is described as “a tenacious advocate for her clients. She is sought out for her substantial experience in CWA and water quality matters, her great reputation and her specialized knowledge base.” Additionally, Lori is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in three separate categories: Environmental Law, Litigation-Environmental and Natural Resources Law, with one client commenting, “her knowledge of Environmental Law is exemplary. Not only does she know the laws, but she is an excellent strategist. She communicates with her non-lawyer clients very effectively.”

Services

Litigation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Environment & Natural Resources
Environmental Litigation
Public Finance & Municipal Government
Water Quality

Admissions

Washington, 1992

Education

J.D., University of Puget Sound School of Law (*magna cum laude*), 1992

B.G.S., Gonzaga University, 1988

Honors & Recognition

Chambers USA (Washington) Leading Individual, Environment, 2014-present

The Best Lawyers in America®

- Environmental Law, 2009-present
- Litigation - Environmental, 2012-present
 - “Lawyer of the Year,” Litigation - Environmental, 2022
- Natural Resources Law, 2016-present

Best in the Business: Leading Lawyers in the Puget Sound Region, *Seattle Business* magazine

Environmental Law, 2013

2011 BTI Client Service All-Star for Environmental Law

2010 Top Lawyer, *Seattle Metropolitan* magazine

Washington Super Lawyers list, 2006-2007

Martindale-Hubbell AV rating

Recipient of Five American Jurisprudence Awards

Professional Activities

American Bar Association

- Environmental and Litigation Sections

Association of Washington Business Water Quality Committee, Member

National Association of Clean Water Agencies

Northwest Environmental Business Council

Washington State Bar Association

- Environmental, Land Use and Litigation Sections

Washington Women Lawyers, Member

Community Activities

Corporate Council for the Arts, Associate Alumni

Water Environment Federation

News

65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.24

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2024 Chambers USA Guide; 20 Attorneys and 10 Practices Ranked

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.6.24

57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.17.23

Foster Garvey Receives Honors in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.1.23

45 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among *The Best Lawyers In America*®

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.18.22

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Leading Law Firms in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.1.22

38 Attorneys Named 2022 Best Lawyers in America; 11 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.19.21

Foster Garvey Named Among Leading Law Firms in *Chambers USA*; Three Attorneys Added to Rankings

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 5.20.21

43 Attorneys Named 2021 *Best Lawyers in America*; 10 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.20.20

Foster Garvey Named Among Top Firms in Chambers USA, Including Ranking of Six New Attorneys

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 4.23.20

50 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named 2020 *Best Lawyers in America*

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.19

Foster Garvey Named Among Top Firms in *Chambers USA*, Including Nationwide Ranking in New Focus Area
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 4.25.19

Speaking Engagements

"Model Toxics Control Act," 60th Annual WSAMA Spring Conference
Speaking Engagement
Blaine, WA, 4.27.17

"Meet the Farm-Friendly Environmental Litigators," 2017 Western Dairy Management Conference
Speaking Engagement
Reno, NV, 3.1.17

15th Annual Comprehensive Conference on Clean Water and Stormwater
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 4.7.15

"Key Evolving Stormwater Issues in the Pacific Northwest - Assessment and Remediation of Aquatic Environments in the Pacific Northwest: 1990s to Present," SETAC North America 35th Annual Meeting
Speaking Engagement
Vancouver, B.C., 11.9.14

"Citizen Suit Actions: An Effective Enforcement Mechanism or An Overly Expansive Litigation Tool?" WSBA 2014 Environmental and Land Use Law Section Midyear Meeting and Conference
Speaking Engagement
5.25.14

14th Annual Comprehensive Conference on Clean Water and Stormwater
Speaking Engagement
5.1.14

"Stormwater and Potential Liability for Pollution," WSAMA 2011 Fall Conference
Speaking Engagement
Coeur d'Alene, ID, 10.5.11

"Stormy Weather: Stormwater Update, including Liability for Stormwater Runoff Pollution," Latest Developments in Washington Municipal Utility Law
Speaking Engagement
10.1.11

“When Your Right to Remain Silent May Come with Unintended Consequences,” PRIMA 2011
Annual Conference - Blazing the Trails of Risk
Speaking Engagement
Portland, OR, 6.5.11

“Enforcement Tips & Traps,” Foster Pepper Land Use and Environmental Seminar
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 5.19.11

“The Reality of Third Party Lawsuits,” Managing Stormwater in the Northwest 2011: The
Business of Stormwater Regulation and Compliance
Speaking Engagement
3.1.11

“Enforcement: What Every Clean Water Agency Should Know,” Developments in Clean Water
Law: A Seminar for Public Agency Attorneys and Managers
Speaking Engagement
Santa Fe, NM, 11.19.10

“NPDES Citizen Suits and Permit Renewal Process,” 2010 Fall WSAMA Conference
Speaking Engagement
Cle Elum, WA, 10.13.10

“Feasibility of Low Impact Development: Litigation and Implementation Update,” 11th Annual
Conference on Land Use in Washington
Speaking Engagement
4.1.10

“Avoiding & Responding to Third-Party Lawsuits,” Northwest Environmental Business Council -
Managing Stormwater in Washington
Speaking Engagement
3.1.10

“Clean Water/Stormwater,” WSBA - Land Use and Environmental Due Diligence When
Acquiring Property
Speaking Engagement
3.1.10

“PUD Perspectives on TMDL Developments,” Washington Public Utility District Association
Speaking Engagement
12.1.09

“New Requirements and Compliance Strategies,” Law Seminar International Washington's New Industrial Stormwater General Permit

Speaking Engagement

12.1.09

“Natural Resources Issues: Stormwater Update and FEMA Biological Opinion,” WSAMA 2009 Spring Conference

Speaking Engagement

Blaine, WA, 4.29.09

“Municipal Stormwater Permits: Status of 2007 Permit Appeals,” Law Seminars International Clean Water and Stormwater Conference

Speaking Engagement

4.1.09

“Puget Soundkeepers Alliance Decision and Implications for Low Impact Development,” 10th Annual Conference on Land Use in Washington: New Regulatory, Legislative and Legal Developments

Speaking Engagement

4.1.09

“Policy Development for Puget Sound as a Driver for What's Likely to Happen In Washington,” TMDLs in the Pacific Northwest

Speaking Engagement

8.1.08

“Municipal Stormwater Permits,” Clean Water & Stormwater Conference

Speaking Engagement

6.1.08

“Municipal Stormwater: Why You Should Care,” Washington State Association of Counties 101st Annual Conference

Speaking Engagement

11.1.07

“Environmental Hotspots in Real Property Development,” Builders and Developers Seminar

Speaking Engagement

10.1.07

“Washington Public Utility Districts Water Workshop,” Washington Public Utility Districts Association

Speaking Engagement

9.1.07

“Transportation and Infrastructure Planning,” Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
8.1.07

“TMDLs in the Pacific Northwest,” Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
7.1.07

“Clean Water Act Agency and Citizen Suit Enforcement in the State of Washington,”
Washington State Bar Association Construction Law Section
Speaking Engagement
6.1.07

“Use Attainability Analysis Workshop,” Water Environment Federation TMDL Conference
Speaking Engagement
6.1.07

“Stormwater Phase Permits and Other Issues,” Washington Association of Municipal Attorneys
Spring Conference 2007
Speaking Engagement
Vancouver, WA, 4.25.07

“Stormwater Update for Developers and Municipalities,” Hot Issues in Real Estate and Land
Use Development
Speaking Engagement
3.28.07

“A Comprehensive Look at Agency Administrative Enforcement,” Law Seminars International
Clean Water and Stormwater Conference
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 3.20.07

“How to Minimize Costs and Project Delays Caused by Environmental Contamination,” Foster
Pepper Environmental Seminar
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 10.3.06

“Use Attainability Analysis,” National Association of Clean Water Agencies Webinar
Speaking Engagement
7.1.06

“Hot Issues in Stormwater: What Every Business Needs to Know,” Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers
Speaking Engagement
6.1.06

Hot Issues in Stormwater: What Every Municipality Needs to Know
Speaking Engagement
4.1.06

"Total Maximum Daily Loads and Use Attainability Analysis," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 3.21.06

“Municipal Stormwater Permits,” Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 3.20.06

“Late Breaking Legal Issues Associated with Use Attainability Analysis,” National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Speaking Engagement
1.1.06

"Use Attainability Analyses in the Real World," National Association of Clean Water Agencies
2005 Law Seminar
Speaking Engagement
11.9.05

“Use Attainability Analyses in the Real World,” National Association of Clean Water Agencies
2005 Law Seminar
Speaking Engagement
11.9.05

“Recent Developments Under the Clean Water Act,” Washington State Bar Association
Environmental and Land Use Law Mid-Year Meeting
Speaking Engagement
5.1.05

"Recent Developments Under the Clean Water Act," Washington State Bar Association
Environmental and Land Use Law Mid-Year Meeting
Speaking Engagement
May 2005

"Recent Developments Under the Clean Water Act," Washington State Bar Association
Environmental and Land Use Law Mid-Year Meeting
Speaking Engagement
May 2005

"Permitting Strategies," The Seminar Group
Speaking Engagement
March 2005

"Permitting Strategies," The Seminar Group
Speaking Engagement
March 2005

"Water Quality Requirements and Stormwater Management," Washington State Bar Association
CLE Seminar
Speaking Engagement
October 2004

"Avoiding and Defending Clean Water Act Citizen Suits," Washington State Association of
Municipal Attorneys Spring 2004 Conference
Speaking Engagement
5.13.04

"Avoiding and Defending Clean Water Act Citizen Suits," Washington State Association of
Municipal Attorneys Conference
Speaking Engagement
Spring 2004

"Recent Stormwater Developments," Foster Pepper Annual Real Estate and Land Use Update
Event
Seattle, WA, 5.8.03

"Recent Stormwater Developments," Foster Pepper Annual Real Estate and Land Use Update
Event
5.8.03

"Clean Water Act Citizen Suits," Puget Sound Chapter of Air & Waste Management Association
Speaking Engagement
May 2003

"Clean Water Act Citizen Suits," Puget Sound Chapter of Air & Waste Management Association
Speaking Engagement
May 2003

"Clean Water Act Stormwater Issues," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
4.1.03

"Clean Water Act Stormwater Issues," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
April 2003

"Advanced Water Quality Permitting," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
December 2002

"Advanced Water Quality Permitting," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
December 2002

"Water Quality Requirements & Stormwater Management," Washington State Bar Association
Speaking Engagement
October 2002

"Water Quality Requirements & Stormwater Management," Washington State Bar Association
Speaking Engagement
October 2002

"Clean Water, Storm Water," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
February 2001

"Clean Water, Storm Water," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
February 2001

"Environmental Lawsuits," Northwest Dairy Association
Speaking Engagement
May 2000

"Environmental Lawsuits," Northwest Dairy Association
Speaking Engagement
May 2000

Washington Clean Water: Water Quality Challenges and Potential Solutions
Speaking Engagement
December 1998

Washington Clean Water: Water Quality Challenges and Potential Solutions
Speaking Engagement
December 1998

"Clean Water Act Citizen Suits," Washington State Farm Bureau
Speaking Engagement
November 1998

"Clean Water Act Citizen Suits," Washington State Farm Bureau
Speaking Engagement
November 1998

"Environmental Citizen Suits, Issues and Challenges," Puget Sound Chapter of Pacific
Northwest International Section of the Air & Waste Management Association
Speaking Engagement
September 1998

"Handling Citizen Suits, The TMDL Process, and TMDL Litigation Update: The Discharge's
Perspective," Association of Washington Business
Speaking Engagement
June 1998

"Washington Clean Water: The TMDL Process, Stormwater, and other Trends in Protecting
Water Quality," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
December 1997

"Water Quality," Association of Washington Business' Environmental Law Seminar and
Excellence Awards
Speaking Engagement
June 1997

"Overview of Citizen Suits in the Environmental Arena," Law Seminars International
Speaking Engagement
April 1997

Legal Alerts

Stormwater Regulations Impair Vested Rights
1.23.17

EPA Releases New Integrated Stormwater and Wastewater Planning Framework
Foster Pepper News Alert, 6.20.12

Legislature Amends Important Environmental and Natural Resource Laws
Foster Pepper News Alert, 4.18.12

Unanimous Supreme Court Rules that Clean Water Act Administrative Compliance Orders Issued by EPA Are Entitled to Judicial Review
Foster Pepper News Alert, 3.27.12

Property Owners Can Challenge an Agency's Decision to List Waterbodies as "Impaired" if the Listing Diminishes the Property Owner's Property Value
Foster Pepper News Alert, 2.25.11

"Ecology Finalizes Revised Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, December 2010

"Stormwater Runoff from Logging Roads Requires Discharge Permit," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, August 2010

"Washington State Department of Ecology Issues Municipal Stormwater General Permits," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, January 2007

"Supreme Court Issues Divided Opinion on Federal Wetlands Regulation," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, June 2006

"2005 Construction Stormwater General Permit: Key Issues and Requirements," Washington State Bar Association Environmental and Land Use Law Section
Washington State Bar Association, May 2006

"Washington State Department of Ecology Issues New Wetland Guidance," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, March 2006

"Construction Site Operators Beware: Construction Stormwater General Permit Imposes New Requirements for Construction Projects in the State of Washington," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, January 2006

"FP Lawyers Score Clean Water Act Victory for Municipal Stormwater Dischargers," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, October 2005

"U.S. Supreme Court to Examine Extent of Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Over Wetlands and Waters," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, October 2005

"U.S. Supreme Court Will Decide Regulation of Dams and Water Transfers Under the Clean Water Act," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, October 2005

"Endangered Species Act: Uncertainty Surrounds The Federal Columbia River Power System," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, June 2005

"U.S. Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Important Clean Water Act Case," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, June 2003

"Department of Ecology Adopts New State Water Quality Standards," Foster Pepper News Alert
Foster Pepper News Alert, June 2003

"Water Quality, Stormwater, and Rights Update," Foster Pepper Land Use & Environmental Newsletter
Foster Pepper Land Use & Environmental Newsletter, February 2003

Publications

"Collaborative Water Quality Solutions: Exploring Use Attainability Analyses," National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Association of Clean Water Agencies, 2006

"Can the Northwest Be Energy Independent Again?" *Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce*
Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, November 2005

"Clean Water Act," Chapter of the Washington State Bar Association Real Property Deskbook
Washington State Bar Association Real Property Deskbook

"Clean Water Act Citizens Suits: Key Elements and Defenses," *Journal of Environmental Law*
Journal of Environmental Law, July/August 1996

"Water Quality," Chapter of the Government Institute Environmental Law Handbook
Government Institute Environmental Law Handbook

"SEPA, A Proposed Standard for Judicial Review of Agency Decisions Not to Require Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement," 15 U.P.S.L. Rev. 957
15 U.P.S.L. Rev. 957, Spring 1992

Experience

Representative Work: Cases

Washington Trout v. McCain Foods, Inc., 45 F.3d 1351 (9th Cir. 1995) (Clean Water Act citizen-suit dismissed on summary judgment; affirmed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals)

National Wildlife Federation v. FEMA, et al., C11-2044-RSM, W.D. Wash. 2011 (successful representation of defendant-intervenor resulting in dismissal of Endangered Species Act case)

West v. Stephen L. Johnson, et al., 2009 WL 2477646 (Clean Water Act citizen-suit dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction)

Rosemere Neighborhood v. City of Vancouver, 2005 WL 2659665, W.D. Wash. 2005 (Clean Water Act citizen-suit dismissed on summary judgment)

CARE v. DeRuyter Brothers Dairy, 08-30828-FVS (E.D. Wash.) (plaintiff voluntarily dismissed Clean Air Act citizen-suit)

Community Association for Restoration of the Environment v. Washington State Department of Ecology, 149 Wash.App. 830, 205 P.3d 950 (2009) (successful representation of intervenor before the Pollution Control Hearings Board and the Court of Appeals in appeal of state-wide CAFO General Permit)

City of Normandy Park v. Ecology, 1998 WL 594635 (successful representation of the Port of Seattle resulting in dismissal of third-party appeal)

Coalition of Governmental Entities v. Washington State Department of Ecology, 2009 WL 43436; 2008 WL 5510412 (successful representation of Coalition of 30 local governments in multi-phase appeals of state-wide Municipal Stormwater Permits)

Defense of multiple confidential clients during pre-suit notice phase resulting in plaintiffs declining to file citizen-suit lawsuits under the Clean Water Act and RCRA

Successful defense of large dairies in EPA enforcement action under Safe Drinking Water Act resulting in agreed Administrative Order on Consent

Successful defense of industrial clients in EPA and Army Corps of Engineers in enforcement actions under the federal Clean Water Act resulting in agreed Administrative Orders on Consent.

DeRuyter Brothers Dairy v. Ecology (Pollution Control Hearings Board) (successful defense of appeal resulting in the Washington State Department of Ecology rescinding penalty)

Representative Work: Environmental Projects/Clients

Industrial:

- BNSF: Clean Water Act
- Costco: Clean Water Act
- Darigold: Clean Water Act
- GNK Aerospace: Clean Water Act
- High Cascade Veneer: Clean Water Act

- Kiewit Corporation: Clean Water Act and RCRA
- Kiewit/General/Manson: Clean Water Act and RCRA
- Washington Aggregate & Concrete Association: Clean Water Act

Retail:

- Costco: NPDES, water quality, stormwater and wetlands advice
- Safeway: NPDES, water quality and stormwater advice

Agriculture and Agri-Business:

- Draper Valley Farms: Clean Water Act
- Perdue Farms, Inc.: Clean Water Act
- DeRuyter Brothers Dairy: Clean Water Act; Clean Air Act
- George DeRuyter & Sons Dairy: Clean Water Act; RCRA; Safe Drinking Water Act
- Maple Grove Dairy: Clean Water Act; RCRA
- Spring Canyon Ranch: Clean Water Act; RCRA
- Sky Ridge Farms: Clean Water Act

Infrastructure:

- Brightwater Sewage Treatment Plant
- Pierce County: Clarks Creek Total Maximum Daily Load
- Sound Transit Light Rail
- Spokane County Sewage Treatment Plant
- Spokane County: Spokane River Total Maximum Daily Load; Use Attainability Petition to State of Washington
- Tacoma Narrows Bridge
- Whatcom County: Lake Whatcom TMDL