

## Robert B. Spitzer

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Robert Spitzer is an experienced real estate, finance and business problem solver. He has practiced in these areas for over 30 years, and has also personally developed real estate properties, overseen manufacturing and real estate lending businesses and bought and sold a number of enterprises. Robert has advised companies acquiring hundreds of commercial properties, negotiated leases for millions of square feet of space and organized hundreds of companies. He has been involved in workouts with tens of banks, and has served as trustee on almost a thousand deeds of trust involving commercial real estate. He counsels a number of dynamic business enterprises in Washington state.

Robert has worked for the U.S. Justice Department in Washington D.C., served on the staff of Senator John V. Tunney (D-Calif.) and clerked for Chief Justice Robert Brachtenbach of the Washington State Supreme Court.

### Education

J.D., Columbia University School of Law, 1980

B.A., Stanford University (with honors), 1976

### Honors & Recognition

*The Best Lawyers in America*® Real Estate Law, 2018-present

"Top Lawyer" Corporate in *Seattle Met* magazine, 2010

Washington Super Lawyers list

### Services

Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental

Beauty & Wellness

Election and Political Law, Public Policy & Lobbying

Family-Owned & Closely Held Businesses

Financial Services

Food & Beverage

Luxury Law

### Admissions

Washington, 1981

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating

### Professional Activities

Washington Partnership & LLC Deskbook, Executive Editor, 2020

University of Washington, Commercial Real Estate Certificate Program, Faculty, 1994-2018

Washington State Bar Association, Real Property & Probate Section, Member, 1983-present

### Community Activities

BBYO, Inc., Vice Chairman, 2004-2009

B'nai B'rith International

- Chair, Strategic Planning, 2018-present
- Senior Vice President, 2015-2018
- National Fundraising Chairman, 2000-2002

Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, President, 2002-2004

- Chair, Community Relations Committee, 2018-present

King County Library System

Board of Trustees, President, 2012-2013, and 2016-2017

Board of Trustees, 2008-2018

United Way Ambassador

### 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

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

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

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.18.22

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

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.19.21

43 Attorneys Named 2021 *Best Lawyers in America*; 10 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch  
*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.20.20

50 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named 2020 *Best Lawyers in America*  
*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.15.19

### **Speaking Engagements**

Investing in the West Coast of the United States - The Fifth Largest Economy in the World  
Investment Seminars in China  
Beijing / Fuzhou / Shenzhen, China, 5.22.17 | 5.24.17 | 5.26.17

### **Legal Alerts**

New Commercial Lease Restrictions in the City of Seattle  
1.17.24

The State Supreme Court Confirms Washington is a Neighborly State  
7.1.15

How Adverse is Adverse?  
4.7.15

Division III's Neighborly Approach to Prescriptive Easements  
4.8.14

### **Publications**

The Government's New Oversight of Real Estate Deals With Foreigners: A Roadmap for  
Applying the CFIUS Rules  
2.24.20

Securities Law and Real Estate Offerings in Washington  
*Garvey Schubert Barer*, 5.15.14