



Tina J. Scott

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“My goal is to partner with clients to support their business and objectives. I listen and help shoulder my client’s legal issues, allowing them to focus on managing the business that drives their passion. From the simple to the complex, I enjoy solving problems.”

Tina Scott focuses her practice on construction, real estate, and general business transactions for organizations operating in Washington. For construction clients, Tina assists with contract drafting and negotiation for owners, general contractors, and subcontractors, and particularly enjoys advising on Washington’s public construction contracting laws as well as the regulations for the Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises. For real estate and corporate clients, Tina reviews, drafts, and negotiates a wide variety of contracts in support of day-to-day operations, as well as for significant transactions including mergers and acquisitions and partnerships. She began her career with the firm as a summer associate in the business department. During law school, she served as a legal extern for a real estate brokerage where she worked on regulatory matters and drafted demand letters.

Prior to law school, Tina worked in the private and nonprofit sectors. She founded a commercial subcontracting company with her husband, where she developed internal processes for the company’s operations including accounting, human resources, corporate governance, and marketing. Today the company has more than 100 employees and is one the largest commercial paint and wallcovering subcontractors in the state. She also served in leadership and development roles for education and social service organizations.

Professional Activities

- King County Bar Association, member
- Washington State Bar Association
- Construction Law Section, member
- American Subcontractor Association of Washington, member

Education

J.D., Seattle University School of Law, 2018

B.A., University of Washington, 2001

Bar Admissions

Washington, 2019

Representative Experience

Construction Contract Drafting

- Customized AIA agreements and terms and condition documents for commercial contractors and subcontractors.
- Researched Washington and Alaska general and public contracting laws and drafted statutory-compliant contracts.
- Routinely negotiate and advise clients regarding unfavorable contract terms and conditions.

General Business Transaction

- Successfully directed an asset acquisition legal team in closing a purchase of a business. This matter involved finance, franchise, and real estate law.
- Negotiated purchase and sale and nondisclosure agreements to maximize client's goals.
- Drafted intellectual property agreements including copyright, sponsorship, license, and work-for-hire agreements.
- Routinely research statutory and regulatory matters and partner with clients' executives to strategize business solutions.

Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises

- Researched and applied OMWBE laws and regulations to client's risks.
- Successfully completed a Federal Disadvantaged Business application.
- Prepared corporate documents including formation documents, shareholder agreement and commercial leases for application.
- Advised on experience narrative and counseled through regulatory interview.

Publications

- "COVID-19: Delays and Force Majeure in Construction Contracts," Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *From The Ground Up* (Mar. 2020)
- "Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don't: Supreme Court Expands Jobsite Liability for General Contractors," Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *From The Ground Up* (Dec. 2019)

Presentations

- "Essentials of Startup Formation," TiE Seattle, Entrepreneur Institute (June 2021)
- "Guidance on Contract Drafting & Negotiation in 2021," Miller Nash, webinar (June 2021)

Recognition & Honors

- King County Bar Foundation Scholar, 2015 and 2016
- Labor, Law, and Employment Association, Director of Events, 2015

Personal Activities

In her spare time, Tina enjoys dining with family and friends, hiking or biking, and attending any sort of musical event.