







Nicholas A. Valera

Associate

 206.777.7419  Seattle Office
 nicholas.valera@millernash.com
 @millernashllp

“I use a pragmatic and creative approach to solve sophisticated clients’ complex problems. I believe an attorney should take on the client’s problem as their own, and finding a solution for that problem is penultimate.”

Nicholas “Nick” Valera focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, regularly working on matters in state, federal, and appellate courts, in addition to matters pending before administrative boards. In his diverse litigation practice, he has experience with disputes spanning administrative agency actions, corporate governance, securities, real estate, insurance coverage, products liability, trade secrets, and intellectual property. Nick also devotes part of his practice to counseling clients on environmental law and regulations, natural resources, and renewable energy matters.

Outside of the firm, Nick is committed to public and community service. Nick is an officer in the Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps in the Washington Army National Guard, serving as defense counsel in Trial Defense Services. He is an active member of the Western District of Washington’s Pro Bono panel. Before law school, Nick served in the United States Peace Corps as an agroforestry volunteer assisting small rural farmers with integrated agricultural production and environmental education to improve their food production, nutrition, and income. Nick also served as an Americorps volunteer working with an organization providing refugee resettlement and education services in South King County.

Professional Activities

- King County Bar Association
 - Environmental & Land Use Section, vice-chair, 2021-present
- Washington State Bar Association
 - Washington State Bar News, Editorial Advisory Committee, member
- Latino Bar Association of Washington (LBAW), member
- Hispanic National Bar Association, member
- William L. Dwyer Inn of Court, member

Education

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

- Articles Editor, *Washington Law Review*

Nonprofit Management Certificate, University of Washington, 2014

B.A., Seattle University, political science and philosophy, 2007

Bar Admissions

Washington, 2018

Languages

French

Publications

- “Ninth Circuit Affirms That “Cascading Scandals” and a General Stock-Price Decline are Insufficient to Establish Loss Causation under California Securities Law,” Miller Nash, *Bank Law Monitor*, coauthor (May 2021)

Personal Activities

Nick enjoys reading, keeping up with the news, everything music, and anything outdoors, specifically camping and fishing.