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“The most gratifying part of my practice is helping clients achieve their goals, even when those are challenging. Clients value my calm, practical, and collaborative approach, and the care I take to help them determine which risks are worth taking.”

Cozette Tran-Caffee enjoys working on all aspects of real estate deals and development, and can help clients buy, lease, evaluate, entitle, finance, divide, and sell their real property. Cozette works with clients across a number of industries, including public entity, affordable housing, and food, beverage, and hospitality.

Cozette has experience with a variety of land use matters, including annexation and other boundary changes; comprehensive plan map and zoning map amendments; discretionary design reviews, including historic resource review; land divisions, including subdivisions, partitions, and property line adjustments; land use due diligence and other pre-purchase or pre-development issues; and master planning and amendments.

Professional Activities

- Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Member
- Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, Member
- Oregon Women Lawyers, Member
- Oregon State Bar, Member
 - Real Estate and Land Use Section

Civic Activities

- ReBuilding Center, Board Member, 2022-2023
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinder
- Urban Land Institute (ULI)
 - ULI Northwest Women’s Leadership Initiative (WLI) Council, Member

Representative Experience

Real Estate

- Represented the buyer in the purchase of \$67 million, 6,000 acre master-planned resort property.

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, 2012

M.P.P., University of California, Berkeley, 2009

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, with high honors, 2005

Bar Admissions

Washington, 2022
Oregon, 2012

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

- Successfully negotiated termination of development agreement with municipal redevelopment agency on behalf of hospitality client.
- Ongoing representation of a commercial landlord with all aspects of ownership and leasing of regional mall.
- Represented a nonprofit affordable housing provider with its entry into the Oregon market, which included the acquisition of seven manufactured home park communities.
- Represented the buyer with its entry into the Oregon market, which included the acquisition of two manufactured home park communities.
- Represented the buyer of two local grocery store chains in Oregon and Washington.

Land Use

- Obtained multiple master plan amendments on behalf of the owner of mixed-use property (retail, office, and residential), to allow development in line with changed market conditions.
- Represented a residential developer in annexing 70 acres into a smaller city in the Portland metropolitan region.
- Assisted an affordable housing developer with 146-unit project in the City of Portland, including land use approvals for adaptive reuse of historic building and associated new development. Defended approval at the local level and at the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).
- Assisted an affordable housing developer with entitlements for 57-unit affordable senior housing project in the City of Tigard. Defended approval in appeal to Hearings Officer.

Publications

- “Shelter from the Storm: Commercial Leasing under the Cloud of COVID-19,” Oregon State Bar, *Bulletin*, coauthor (Dec. 2020)
- “Siting Your Distillery: Leasing and Locational Considerations,” *Oregon Business Magazine* (Oct. 2018)

Presentations

- “Options, Rights of First Refusal, and Rights of First Offer: The Who, What, When, Where, Why (and How),” Oregon State Bar, Real Estate and Land Use Section Annual Summer Conference (Aug. 2022)
- “Important Considerations When Negotiating a Distillery Lease,” American Craft Spirits Association (Aug. 2018)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Portland, OR)
 - Real Estate, 2021-present
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2018-2019, 2021-present