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“I understand that clients’ legal needs often intersect with achieving business and mission-driven goals. With that in mind, I work to provide clients with practical solutions and guidance tailored to meet those goals. I enjoy collaborating with each client and becoming a part of its team.”

Christi Taylor represents a wide range of government and public institutions and focuses her practice on government, municipal, and administrative law, including public records and meetings and public contracting. She also has a background in construction law and assists public and private clients through the process of building complex public improvement projects, including construction contract procurement, drafting, and negotiation.

Christi brings a unique experience to her work with government and public entities (as well as private companies entering into transactions with public entities), having spent several years practicing general business law and commercial litigation. She has supported large-scale transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, and litigated a variety of disputes, including construction claims and defects, corporate governance, and insurance recovery. Christi’s broad range of experience allows her to see the bigger picture and helps to inform the advice she gives to clients.

Professional Activities

- Oregon State Bar, Member
- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
 - Young Lawyers Section, Pro Bono Committee
- Oregon City Attorneys Association, Member

Civic Activities

- Campaign for Equal Justice
 - Large Firm Associates Committee, Past Cochair
- CASA for Kids
 - Ambassador Board, Member
- Oregon Zoo Bond Citizen’s Oversight Committee, Member, 2017-present

Education

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, *cum laude*

- Member, Environmental Justice Advocates
- Associate Editor, *Environmental Law*

B.A., University of Nevada, Reno, political science, *summa cum laude*

- Vice President, Pi Sigma Alpha

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2012

Representative Experience

Construction Contracting

- Assisted private university in drafting and negotiating design and construction contracts for campus expansion.
- Assisted K-12 and higher education institutions in advertising, drafting, and negotiating design and construction contracts for bond-funded public improvement projects.

Public Contracting & Procurement

- Assisted public bodies in drafting and approving exemptions to competitive bidding under the Public Contracting Code to allow for use of alternative contracting methods, such as design-build and construction manager/general contractor, on public improvement projects.
- Assisted public bodies in drafting and enacting local public contracting rules in compliance with the Public Contracting Code.
- Drafted intergovernmental agreement for property conveyance and construction activities in connection with new water reservoir.
- Drafted series of price agreements and contracts for personal services, architecture and engineering services, and construction services for public bodies.

Publications

- “Big Changes May be Coming to Davis-Bacon,” Miller Nash, *From The Ground Up*, coauthor (Jun. 2022)
- “Warranty vs. Correction Period: What’s the Difference Between These Clauses?” *Daily Journal of Commerce Oregon* (Mar. 2021)
- “2020 Brings Change to Oregon’s Public Contracting Code,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP, *From The Ground Up* (Sept. 2019)
- “Insurance Implications Loom in Oregon’s New Negligent-Construction Statute of Limitations,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP, *The Northwest Policyholder* (June 2016)
- “Not So Fast! Oregon’s New Negligent-Construction Statute of Limitations May Have Insurance Implications,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP, *From The Ground Up* (June 2016)
- “Proposed Option for All Appropriate Inquiries to Mitigate Environmental Liabilities in Flux,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP, *GroundBreaking News* (Dec. 2013)

Presentations

- “Considerations in Municipal Construction Contracting,” International Municipal Lawyers Association, Annual Conference (Oct. 2022)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2017-present

Personal Activities

In her spare time, Christi enjoys hiking with her dog, taking dance classes, reading, and supporting polar bear conservation efforts.