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Nikki Carsley's civil-litigation practice focuses on municipal liability, aviation law, and tort liability. She also handles employment matters and commercial and property disputes. She litigates in both state and federal courts. Nikki joined the firm in 2013 after graduating from the University of Washington School of Law with high honors. During law school, Nikki served as a managing editor for the Washington Law Review and was selected by the faculty as a teaching assistant for first-year legal writing classes. Prior to joining Mills Meyers Swartling, Nikki externed for the Honorable John C. Coughenour of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. Outside of work, Nikki enjoys biking, hiking, yoga, cooking, traveling, and exploring the Pacific Northwest. Super Lawyers Magazine selected Nikki to its "Rising Stars" list in 2016 and 2017.



Practice Areas

[Municipal Law and Police Liability](#)

[Aviation Law](#)

[Employment Law](#)

[Business and Commercial Litigation](#)

[Tort and Product Liability](#)

Education

University of Washington School of Law, J.D., with high honors, 2013

Managing Editor, *Washington Law Review*

Legal Writing Fellow

Extern to the Honorable John C. Coughenour, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

University of Puget Sound, B.A., *summa cum laude*, Business & Leadership and International Political Economy, 2008

Phi Beta Kappa

Admitted to Practice

Washington

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

Professional and Community Activities

PROFESSIONAL

King County Bar Association
King County Washington Women Lawyers
Northwest Aviation Insurance Association
Washington State Bar Association
William L. Dwyer Inn of Court, Member

COMMUNITY

Junior League of Seattle, Active Member (Project Development Committee)
Seattle Works, Team Works, Volunteer, 2014-present
University of Washington School of Law, Mentor, 2015-present
Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington, Board Member, 2011-2012, and Clinic Volunteer, 2010-2012

Publications and Speaking Engagements

PUBLICATIONS

Author, "[When Old Becomes New: Reconciling the Commands of the Wilderness Act and the National Historic Preservation Act](#)," *Washington Law Review*, 88 Wash. L. Rev. 525, 2013
Co-author, "Preparing Common Business Contracts," NBI CLE, 2013

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Presenter, "The Innocence Project Northwest: The Case of Brandon Olebar," Community Event, Mirabella Seattle, 2014

Recognition

Selected to *Rising Stars*, Thomson Reuters, 2016 and 2017
CALI Excellence for the Future Award for Excellent Achievement in Business Organizations
CALI Excellence for the Future Award for Excellent Achievement in Criminal Procedure