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### PRACTICE OVERVIEW:

Laura is a transactional attorney, focusing on real estate, business and estate planning.

### PRACTICE AREAS:

Business

Real Estate

Estate Planning

### EDUCATION:

University of Washington School of Law, J.D., Honors and Order of the Coif (2007)

Claremont McKenna College, B.A. in Psychology, *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa (2004)

### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Washington (2007)

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington (2008)

### PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Volunteer Attorney, Union Gospel Mission - Open Door Legal Services Clinic (2010 - Present)

Member, Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Seattle & Sound

Member, CREW Careers Committee, helping young women interested in working in the commercial real estate industry

Liaison, Compass Housing Alliance (f/k/a Lutheran Alliance to Create Housing) (2009-2010)

Member (2008-2012) and President (2009-2010), Faith Lutheran Church Council, ELCA

Member, King County Bar Association, the Washington State Bar Association, and the Washington State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

"Estate Planning Issues for Everyone," speaker, presented at Lake Forest Park City Hall (March 18, 2010)

"Planning Considerations for Clients Who Own and Co-Own Valuable Copyrights," Co-Author, REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE & TRUST, Vol. 36, No. 2 (Summer 2009)

*Stokes Lawrence, P.S.*

“Estate Planning Demystified: The Top Ten Estate Planning Issues for Everyone,” speaker, presented at Stokes Lawrence, P.S. (August 19, 2009)

“Commercial Landlord/Tenant Issues,” speaker, addressing lease negotiations and pre-litigation strategies, Stokes Law Briefs (September 11, 2008)

Honors Thesis: “Climbing the Corporate Ladder: Gender, Leadership, and Attributions of Peers’ Success.”

#### **RECOGNITION:**

Featured “New Associate Spotlight,” WASHINGTON LAW & POLITICS (Spring 2008)

Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society

Award for “Best Overall Achievement” in Psychology for achievements in the field from 2000 - 2004, Claremont McKenna College (2004)

#### **BACKGROUND & INTERESTS:**

Before joining the firm, Laura served as an extern for both the Civil Division of the Pierce County Prosecutor’s Office and the City of Lake Forest Park.

Prior to attending law school, Laura worked one-on-one with autistic and speech-delayed children, providing behavioral modification therapy in both clinical and in-home settings.

Laura is a sports enthusiast, playing volleyball, summer league softball, and running road races for local and national charities. She also enjoys traveling, and has visited Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, Mexico, England, Ireland, Scotland, Austria, Holland, Kenya, the Bahamas, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. In her spare time, she is teaching herself to play the guitar.