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OVERVIEW

Cate Gelband is an associate at the firm's Seattle office. She is a member of the Corporate practice area and the Mergers and Acquisitions and Emerging Growth and Venture Capital practice groups. Cate focuses her practice on venture financings, corporate governance, and mergers and acquisitions, including cross-border transactions. She represents startup and growth-stage companies in connection with seed, angel, venture, and strategic financings and supports companies from formation through exit across a variety of industries.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Cate was a summer associate at K&L Gates in 2019. During law school, she served as a judicial extern in the chambers of the Honorable John V. Acosta, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, and worked as a legal research and writing tutor. Cate also participated in the law school's Business Law Clinic.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Order of the Coif (2020)
- Laird Kirkpatrick Award for Highest Grade in Evidence
- Excellence in Legal Writing Award
- Maxine Lee Award for Editorial Excellence (Oregon Law Review)
- Excellence in Written Advocacy Award

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2020 *(Order of the Coif; Executive Editor, Oregon Law Review)*
- B.A., Western Washington University, 2015

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 12 February 2021, Direct and Derivative? Chancery Court Certifies Interlocutory Appeal, Asks Supreme Court to Clarify Dual Character Stockholder Claims

NEWS & EVENTS

- 12 October 2026, K&L Gates Advises Milliman, Inc. on US$340 Million Sale of Retirement Administration Business to Empower
- 24 September 2026, K&L Gates Advises Collinear Group on Sale to Capgemini

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital