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OVERVIEW

Cat Connell is an associate in the estate planning and trusts & estates group in the firm's Seattle office.

Cat practice includes estate planning; trust and estate administration; resolving estate and trust disputes; charitable giving; and gift, estate, generation-skipping, and property tax planning for individuals and businesses. She counsels individuals and families on their personal planning needs, including multi-generational wealth transfer, and fiduciaries on their duties in trust and estate administration matters. She is committed to identifying clients' underlying needs and tailoring clients' estate plans to address each specific circumstance.

Cat graduated magna cum laude from Seattle University School of Law in 2016 and was the Editor in Chief of the Seattle University Law Review. She plays an active role in the community, serving on the Board of the Emerging Leaders Group of United Way King County and on the Outreach and Investments Committee of TeamChild.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Cat was a K&L Gates summer associate in 2015. Prior to coming to K&L Gates, Cat worked in the non-profit sector in direct service and program administration.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized as a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers (2020-2021)
- Dean's Medal Recipient, Seattle University School of Law, 2016

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Presenter, Trusts A-Z, *Dynasty/Generation Skipping Transfer Trusts*, August 2017
- Presenter, Trusts 101, *Revocable Living Trusts*, May 2017
- Board Member, Emerging Leaders Group, United Way of King County
- Board Member, Outreach and Investments Committee, TeamChild

- Volunteer, Housing Justice Project

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law, 2016 (*Editor in Chief, Seattle University Law Review*)
- B.S., Washington State University, 2008

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 13 November 2020, Post-Election Estate Planning (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 28 May 2020, The Basics of Estate Planning (*Webinar*)
- 13 January 2020, New SECURE Act Affects Estate Planning for Retirement Plans (*Alerts/Updates*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Reconsidering the History of Open Courts in the Digital Age," 39 *SEATTLE U. L. REV.* 1281, 2016

NEWS & EVENTS

- 25 June 2021, Pro Bono CLE and Training - Amazon and K&L Gates: Clearing Criminal Records of Survivors of Sex Trafficking & Domestic Violence (*Event*)
- 2 October 2020, K&L Gates and Amazon Receive Corporate Pro Bono Partner Award for Mary's Place Free Legal Clinic Partnership (*Press Release, Rankings & Recognitions*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Estate Planning and Trusts & Estates