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*The 20th Annual Intensive Seminar on*

# SEPA & NEPA

*A half-day deep dive into the new NEPA re-write, NEPA modernization,  
and current SEPA issues in Washington State*

**January 13, 2022**

Live Online via Interactive Broadcast

## *Agenda*

**9:00 Introduction & Overview**

**Rodney L. Brown, Jr., Esq.**, *Program Co-Chair*  
Cascadia Law Group ~ Seattle, WA  
**Patrick J. Schneider, Esq.**, *Program Co-Chair*  
Foster Garvey ~ Seattle, WA

**9:15 NEPA Case Law and Policy Developments**

Update on recent NEPA cases and federal administrative policy changes as President Biden completes his first year in office

**Owen L. Schmidt, Esq.**  
Owen L. Schmidt LLC ~ Portland, OR

**10:00 NEPA Modernization: The Biden Administration's Re-Write of the Trump Administration's NEPA Re-Write**

How best to streamline the process while still achieving environmental protection goals

**Owen L. Schmidt, Esq.**  
Owen L. Schmidt LLC ~ Portland, OR  
**Tanya C. Nesbitt, Esq.**  
Marten Law ~ Seattle, WA  
**Stephen Odell, Esq.**  
Marten Law ~ Portland, OR

**11:15 Break**

**11:30 At the State Level: SEPA Case Law and Policy Developments**

Judicial and Board decisions; 2021 legislative activity and what to expect for 2022

**Craig S. Trueblood, Esq.**  
K&L Gates ~ Seattle, WA

**12:00 SEPA Retrospective**

A key player in development of SEPA and an experienced land use practitioner discuss the key events over the past 20 years plus the current issues and challenges stakeholders face

**Richard L. Settle, Esq.**  
Foster Garvey ~ Seattle, WA

**Duana Kolouskova, Esq.**  
Johns Monroe Mitsunaga Kolouskova ~ Bellevue, WA

## 1:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

### *Who Should Attend*

Attorneys, land use planners, real estate and environmental professionals, consultants, and governmental officials

### *About the Conference*

This 20th Annual SEPA & NEPA half-day seminar focuses on the most significant SEPA and NEPA developments for the past year and what to expect for the coming year. You will hear about NEPA modernization and the proliferation of SEPA exemptions in Washington State. The Biden Administration has had a year to settle into office and has put forth a re-write of the Trump Administration's NEPA re-write and we will take a detailed look at the proposed changes and how best to streamline the process. You will hear an update on recent NEPA cases and federal administrative policy changes; SEPA case law and state policy changes including judicial and Board decisions; 2021 legislative activity and what to expect for 2022.

We carry on the tradition of an interactive program so that you can contribute your own ideas and have your specific questions answered. In a 20-Year SEPA Retrospective this will take the form of a very lively discussion between Dick Settle, one of the founding fathers of SEPA, and Duana Kolouskova, an experienced land use practitioner, as they discuss the current issues and challenges stakeholders face.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a very timely and informative seminar.

~ Rodney L. Brown, Jr., Esq. of Cascadia Law Group and  
Patrick J. Schneider, Esq. of Foster Garvey, Program Co-Chairs

### *Registration & Other Conference Information*

**Tuition:** Regular tuition for this program is \$495 with a group rate of \$445 each for two or more registrants from the same firm. For government employees, we offer a special rate of \$370. For public interest NGO's, Tribal Members, students, and people in their job for less than a year, our rate is \$247.50. All rates include admission to all program sessions and course materials.

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**Continuing Education Credit:** Live credits: This program qualifies for 3.50 Washington MCLE, 3.50 ABCEP environmental professional, and 3.50 AICP land use planner credits. Upon request, we will help you apply for CLE credits in other states and other types of credits.

**Time Shift Your Content:** Audio and video replay files, with course materials, are available for download or on a flash drive at the same price as live attendance. Files are available for downloading five business days after the program or from the date we receive payment. Flashdrive orders are sent via First Class mail within seven business days after the program or from the date we receive payment. The course materials alone are available for \$75.

## Faculty

**Rodney L. Brown, Jr.**, *Program Co-Chair*, is a partner at Cascadia Law Group. He focuses on environmental and land use law relating to natural resources, transportation megaprojects, energy and other project permitting.

**Patrick J. Schneider**, *Program Co-Chair*, is a Principal at Foster Garvey. He advises developers on land use entitlement and litigation strategies. He previously served as lead land use attorney for the City of Seattle and a senior land use attorney for King County.

**Duana Kolouskova**, Johns Monroe Mitsunaga Kolouskova, has worked on a range of development projects, including small and large-scale residential, master plans, mixed use, small-scale commercial, light industrial, and natural resource projects.

**Tanya C. Nesbitt** is a partner at Marten Law. Her environmental and natural resource practice includes representing public and private clients under a multitude of federal and state laws. Prior to joining Marten Law, she served as a Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice's Natural Resources Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division.

**Stephen Odell** is a partner at Marten Law. He joined Marten after serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Oregon, where he handled many of the most consequential and controversial environmental disputes during the last two decades.

**Owen L. Schmidt**, Owen L. Schmidt LLC, a former Senior Counsel to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is known for his NEPA expertise. He advised the Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other USDA agencies in Washington and Oregon.

**Richard L. Settle** is Of Counsel to Foster Garvey and focuses on land use law. Chambers USA described him as "one of the leading lights of the land use community and such an expert that people go to him with any arcane question."

**Craig S. Trueblood** is a partner at K&L Gates. He practices exclusively in environmental, land use, real estate and natural resource law and litigation, focusing on air quality, water quality, Superfund, natural resources restoration, NEPA/SEPA, and siting complex facilities.