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Cynthia Fraser focuses her practice in the area of real estate and property tax litigation. She represents individuals, governments and corporate clients in a broad range of litigation using dispute resolution where appropriate. Ms. Fraser has been recognized by her peers as a *Best Lawyer's in America* in Alternative Dispute Resolution 2008-2012, selected as a *Super Lawyer* in 2011 in Eminent Domain and has received an AV/5 point peer rating by Martindale Hubble.

Ms. Fraser has extensive trial experience as a former senior assistant attorney general in the trial division of the Oregon Department of Justice where she specialized in condemnation and transportation related litigation taking several cases to a jury. She later created and managed the first Alternative Dispute Resolution program for the Oregon Department of Transportation, mediating more than 100 access, policy and eminent domain acquisition disputes.

Since joining Garvey Schubert Barer, Ms. Fraser continues to represent local governments in land use and municipal litigation and has broadened her practice to include the representation of property owners in land use disputes and condemnation litigation. She has also expanded her practice to include litigation of property tax appeals specializing in industrial property valuation disputes and centrally accessed properties. She has co-counseled property taxes appeals for corporations in California, Tennessee and Oregon.

She is past chair of the Oregon State Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and is a frequent lecturer in the use of ADR in resolving disputes. She has been appointed to the Multnomah County Circuit Court Arbitration Commission and acts as an arbitrator in Multnomah County. She is the co-editor of the American Bar Association's publication *Eminent Domain, A Handbook of Condemnation Law*.

Services

- ▶ Condemnation and Eminent Domain
- ▶ Property Tax
- ▶ Alternative Dispute Resolution
- ▶ Land Use
- ▶ Tax

- ▶ State and Local Tax

Education

- ▶ University of Oregon School of Law, J.D., 1987
- ▶ University of Oregon, B.A., History, 1980

Admissions

- ▶ Oregon, 1987
- ▶ Federal Circuit Court, 1988

Professional Recognition

- ▶ Named in Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, 2011 and 2012
- ▶ Named by peers as a "Super Lawyer" in *Oregon Super Lawyers* magazine, 2011
- ▶ Named by peers to *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2008-2012
- ▶ Martindale-Hubbell AV/5.0 Peer Review Rated

Professional Activities

- ▶ Member, Oregon State Bar Fee Arbitration Task Force, 2010
- ▶ Member, Multnomah County Circuit Court Arbitration Commission, 2008-present
- ▶ Board of Directors, Oregon Women Lawyers, 2008-2010; Education Outreach Committee, 2001-2003; Judicial Workgroup, 2009-present;
- ▶ Executive Board, Oregon State Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, 2002-2010; Chair, 2007
- ▶ Oregon Law Commission Eminent Domain Legislative Work Group, 2002-present
- ▶ Alternative Dispute Resolution Executive Board, University of Oregon School of Law, 1999-2010
- ▶ Governor's Steering Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution, 1997-1998

Community Activities

- ▶ Pacific Festival Ballet Advisory Board, 2009
- ▶ President, Alumni Board of Directors, University of Oregon School of Law, 1999-2002
- ▶ Chairperson, University of Oregon Frohnmayer Award for Public Service, 2002 and 2004
- ▶ Grievance Coordinator, Oregon County Fair, 2004-2009
- ▶ Childpeace Montessori School Advisory Board, 2001-2003
- ▶ Twenty-First Century Task Force for Redesigning Legal Education, 2000-2001
- ▶ Chairperson, Honoring Oregon Judiciary, 2001

Events

- ▶ 2011 Oregon Property Tax Strategies Seminar, Portland, OR, October 14, 2011

- ▶ "The Appraiser as Expert Witness," Eminent Domain: Current Developments in Condemnation, Valuation & Challenges Conference, The Seminar Group, Portland, OR, May 20, 2011
- ▶ "The Appraiser as an Expert Witness," Fourth Annual Fall Real Estate Conference, The Appraisal Institute Seattle Chapter, Seattle, WA, November 30, 2010
- ▶ 2010 Oregon Tax Strategies Seminar, Multnomah Athletic Club, October 28, 2010
- ▶ "Negotiation Techniques in a Condemnation Case," Eminent Domain: Current Developments in Condemnation, Valuation and Challenges, The Benson Hotel, Portland, OR, May 7, 2010
- ▶ "Anatomy of a Settlement: Resolving Valuation Disputes Without a Trial," Fall Real Estate Conference, Seattle Chapter of the Appraisal Institute, Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, WA, December 1, 2009
- ▶ Oregon Property Tax Strategies Seminar, The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, Aloha, OR, October 1, 2009
- ▶ "Effective Preparation of a Condemnation Case," Eminent Domain: Current Developments in Condemnation, World Trade Center, Portland, OR, May 28-29, 2009
- ▶ Oregon Property Tax Strategies Seminar, The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, Aloha, OR, October 16, 2008
- ▶ "Mediating the Condemnation Case," Eminent Domain: Current Developments in Condemnation, Valuation and Challenges , World Trade Center, Portland, OR, May 28-29, 2008
- ▶ "Development Agreements," Oregon State Bar Government Law Section, Lawyering Essentials, Inn at Spanish Head Resort Hotel, Lincoln City, OR, February 22, 2008
- ▶ "Measure 49: Effects on Property Owners and Appraisers," Oregon Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers Seminar on The Law of Easements, Salem, OR, January 29, 2008
- ▶ "The Legal Terrain after the Measure 49 Vote," Business Innovation and Law: Oregon Land Use and Development Tensions Conference, Portland World Trade Center, Portland, OR, November 16, 2007
- ▶ Oregon Property Tax Strategies Seminar, The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, Aloha, OR, October 4, 2007
- ▶ "Dispute Resolution and Land Use - Thinking Outside the Box When Negotiating Development Agreements, Eminent Domain Acquisitions and Measure 37 Claims," Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Section Annual Meeting, The Riverhouse, Bend, OR, August 10-11, 2007
- ▶ Washington Property Tax Strategies Seminar, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, WA, May 31, 2007

Publications

- ▶ "Eminent Domain, A Handbook of Condemnation Law," Co-editor, ABA Section of State and Local Government Law, August 2011.
- ▶ "Form 1099 Reporting: Two Burdensome Rules Repealed, But Some Traps Remain," Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update, May 2011.
- ▶ "Washington's First Tax Amnesty Program," Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update, January 2011.