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Teresa Byers' practice focuses on estate planning, probate, guardianships, and trust and estate litigation. She enjoys working with a broad range of clients, from young families interested in securing their children's future to succession planning for family-owned and closely held companies. Ms. Byers' practice encompasses both proactive planning, which can avoid many disputes, and the litigation needed to resolve trust and estate disputes, will contests and guardianships.

Ms. Byers also has experience working with nonprofit and tax-exempt entities. She assists in the formation of both public charities and private foundations. Her work includes providing advice on the qualification for and maintenance of tax-exempt status.

As a graduate of the University of Washington LL.M. Program in Taxation, she is knowledgeable on federal tax issues.

Services

- ▶ Estate Planning and Probate
- ▶ Trusts and Estates Litigation
- ▶ Charitable and Tax-Exempt Organizations
- ▶ Tax
- ▶ Federal Tax

Education

- ▶ University of Washington School of Law, J.D., 2003
 - ▶ Production Editor, *Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal*, 2002-2003
- ▶ University of Washington School of Law, LL.M., Taxation, 2004
- ▶ Lafayette College, B.A., Economics and Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 2000
 - ▶ Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

- ▶ Washington, 2003

Professional Recognition

- ▶ Named by peers as one of Washington's "Rising Stars" in *Washington Law & Politics* magazine, 2009-2011

Professional Activities

- ▶ Member, Washington State Bar Association, 2003-present
- ▶ Member, King County Bar Association, Real Property, Probate and Trust Section, 2004-present
- ▶ Member, King County Bar Association, Tax Section, 2004-2006
- ▶ Member, Estate Planning Council of Seattle, 2010
- ▶ Member, Washington Women in Tax, 2010

Community Activities

- ▶ President, Legal Voice (formerly the Northwest Women's Law Center), 2010-2011; Board Member, 2007-present; Treasurer, 2008-2010; Volunteer and Committee Member, 2005-present
- ▶ Board Member, King County Library System Foundation, 2006-present; Chair, Planned Giving Advisory Council, Spring 2009-present
- ▶ Vice President, Board of Green Tree Early Childhood Center, 2005-2007
- ▶ Volunteer Attorneys for Persons with HIV/AIDS, 2004-present
- ▶ Volunteer, King County Bar Association, Legal Services for Estate Planning and Guardianship, 2004-present

Events

- ▶ "Drafting Tips for the 2011 Washington Trust Act," WSBA Real Property, Probate and Trust Section CLE, Seattle, WA, December 7, 2011
- ▶ "Implementing the Estate Plan," Washington State Bar Association CLE, Seattle, WA, December 6, 2010
- ▶ 2010 Estate Planning Seminar: Who Can Fill Your Shoes?, Garvey Schubert Barer, October 21, 2010
- ▶ "Post-Mortem Trust Planning," Sophisticated Probate Strategies, National Business Institute, Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, WA, December 17, 2009
- ▶ Aging Well: Planning for Common Aging Issues, Garvey Schubert Barer, Portland, OR, November 12, 2009
- ▶ Aging Well: Planning for Common Aging Issues, Garvey Schubert Barer, Seattle, WA, November 4, 2009

Publications

- ▶ "Chinese Regulation of Traditional Chinese Medicine in the Modern World: Can the Chinese Effectively Profit from One of Their Most Valuable Cultural Resources?," 11 *Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal* 687, 2002.