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Profile Introduction

Kristin has dedicated over twenty years to helping clients with commercial and residential real estate matters, including purchase, sale, financing, joint venture, and leasing transactions. She has a particular interest in leasing, having worked with clients of all sizes to secure “the right space,” whether office, retail, industrial, warehouse, or a combination thereof; she is also experienced with asset management, including negotiation of lease amendments, termination agreements, property management documents, and brokerage agreements. Kristin takes pride in fostering positive relationships with all parties to a transaction while achieving her clients’ goals.

Prior to joining Summit, Kristin was senior counsel at SSL Law Firm LLP, where she represented landlords and tenants with national and regional real estate portfolios, including some of the country’s largest institutional property owners. As the former general counsel and secretary at John L. Scott Real Estate, she enjoys helping residential brokerage clients implement best practices. Early in her career, Kristin served as an assistant public defender in New York, and she maintains an interest in ensuring equitable access to legal services.

Outside the office, Kristin enjoys exploring the Northwest with her intrepid husband, enthusiastic dog, and three reluctant children. As a lifelong Seattleite, she also loves rooting for the Huskies, Mariners, and Storm, and she eagerly anticipates the return of the Sonics.



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Honors

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Community Service

- Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, Commissioner
- Allied Aid Team #9 (Athens, Greece), Volunteer
- Queen Anne Community Center Basketball, Coach
- McClure Middle School, Auction Committee
- John Hay Elementary School, Auction Committee
- Soundview School, Past Board Member

Education

- New York University School of Law
JD
- Claremont McKenna College
BA, Government (honors), *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Washington