



## David D. Buck

Partner

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David's practice centers on commercial real estate and business counseling, with particular emphasis on public spaces, nonprofits, arts organizations and community-focused development.

His work is primarily in the Pacific Northwest and includes purchases and sales, financing, leasing, development, design, construction and ownership, as well as strategic planning and governance matters.

### **Representative Matters**

David frequently represents Seattle organizations in the development, design, construction and operation of buildings in Seattle and King County.

The projects he has advised on include:

#### **ACT Theatre**

Represented ACT in its redevelopment of the Eagles Auditorium Building in downtown Seattle.

#### **Bullitt Center**

Represented the Bullitt Foundation in its acquisition, design, construction and leasing of the new Bullitt Center, which includes office and nonprofit uses in addition to state-of-the-art energy conservation and green building technologies.

#### **Chief Seattle Club Day Center**

This project is a mixed-use condominium development, including an apartment unit above and the Chief Seattle Club Day Center unit below. David represented the project developer who also retained ownership of the apartment unit. He assisted with planning, design, construction, condominiumization, development and leasing.

#### **Frye Art Museum**

Represented the museum in aggregating adjacent properties for museum expansion and developing neighboring properties.

#### **Harbor Steps**

Represented the developer/owner in the development of four towers, an iconic public area, residential apartments, long-term stay apartments, a boutique hotel, restaurants and retail. Assisted with property assembly, planning, permitting, financing, construction, management and sale.



#### **Horizon House Campus**

Represented the nonprofit owner of Horizon House senior living facility in the design and construction of campus facilities, including the development of the north tower residential project.

#### **Methodist Church**

Represented the church in its relocation from Fifth Avenue downtown to the Denny Way location, assisting with the development, design and construction of the new facility.

#### **Pratt Fine Arts Center**

Represented the developer and assisted with planning and negotiation to incorporate new Pratt facilities into a mixed-use condominium project to include apartment unit above, the Pratt nonprofit unit below, and expansion units for Pratt.

#### **Seattle Aquarium**

Represented the Seattle Aquarium Society in regard to various renovations of the Aquarium facility on the waterfront in Downtown Seattle and in regard to the society's assumption of aquarium management responsibilities previously handled by the city.

#### **Seattle Chinese Garden**

Represented the Seattle Chinese Garden Society in regard to the early development of a four-acre Sichuan-style Chinese Garden at the South Seattle College campus in West Seattle.

#### **Seattle First Presbyterian Church Campus**

Assisted with sale of the north lot adjacent to Town Hall and the structuring of a redevelopment plan and contract for co-ownership and redevelopment of the south site.

#### **South Arcade at Pike Place Market**

Represented the developer/initial owner in development of the first mixed-use condo project in Seattle. Located at the south end of Pike Place Market between First Avenue and Post Alley, it included retail (South Arcade)/residential (98 Union)/non-profit (Sisters of Providence) condominium units. Assisted with construction, condominium issues, leasing, financing, management and sale.

#### **St. Mark's Cathedral Campus Expansion**

Assisted with the expansion of St. Mark's campus to include the St. Nicholas school building. Represented the primary charitable funder/ lead owner of the St. Nicholas school building and assisted with planning, governance structure, acquisition and ownership.

#### **Tacoma Art Museum**

Represented the Tacoma Art Museum in regard to the design and construction of museum expansion projects.

#### **Town Hall**

Represented Town Hall as it transitioned from for-profit ownership of the former church facility to nonprofit ownership.

#### **YMCA of Greater Seattle**

Represented the YMCA of Greater Seattle in the renovation and expansion of its Seattle headquarters building and the development, design and construction of several YMCA neighborhood centers throughout King County.

#### **Before Fox Rothschild**

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, David was a principal at Riddell Williams, where he served as chair of the firm's Real Estate practice group.



## Beyond Fox Rothschild

David is a co-founder of Artist Trust. He is a graduate of Leadership Tomorrow.

## Honors & Awards

- Named to "Seattle's Top Lawyers" by *Seattle Magazine*
- Named to "Seattle's Top Business Lawyers" by *Seattle Business Monthly*
- Named to "The Best Lawyers in America" list for Real Estate Law in Washington by *Best Lawyers* (2011-2021)
- Named a "Washington Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters (2003-2012, 2016-2018)
- Rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Recipient, Pro Bono Publico Commendations from the Washington State Bar Association

## Practice Areas

- Real Estate
- Corporate
- Cannabis Law

## Bar Admissions

- Washington

## Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., *with honors*)
- Princeton University (B.A., *cum laude*)

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Washington State Bar Association
- King County Bar Association

## Board of Directors

- Frye Art Museum, Board of Trustees, Vice-President
- ArtsFund Foundation, Board of Trustees, Vice Chair
- ArtsFund, Board of Trustees, Past Chair
- The Film School, Advisory Board
- Centrum, Advisory Board
- Washington Arts Consortium, Advisory Board
- The Seattle Chinese Garden, Board of Trustees, Past President
- Chapel of Saint Martha and Mary, Board of Trustees
- Dance Theatre Seattle (The Bill Evans Dance Company), Board of Trustees