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Focus

[Real Estate Business](#)

Profile

Gemma Nelson primarily practices in the areas of real estate, affordable housing, and low-income housing tax credits. She represents for-profit developers, non-profit organizations, and housing authorities across a spectrum of tax-driven real estate investment needs, including the planning, financing, and development of affordable multi-family housing.

Gemma has tried numerous cases and successfully litigated business, real estate, and construction disputes. With a nuanced understanding of how matters can go awry, Gemma enjoys making sense of complex legal issues and applies comprehensive advocacy in her representation of both individual and institutional clients.

Gemma graduated cum laude from Lewis & Clark Law School, where she also served as executive editor of the Lewis & Clark Law Review. She is a member of both the Oregon and Washington State Bars. Gemma presently serves as a director on the Multnomah Bar Association (MBA) Young Lawyers Section (YLS) Board. Gemma's participation with the YLS started in 2020 when she joined the YLS Service to the Public Committee, which she later chaired. She joined the YLS Board in 2023 and is presently the board liaison to the MBA Court Liaison Committee.

Outside of the office, Gemma enjoys travel, interior design projects, and spending time with her husband, daughter and their two dogs.

Admissions

Oregon

Washington

Education

Lewis & Clark Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2019

Lewis & Clark Law Review, Executive Editor

University of Denver, B.A., Psychology, *cum laude*, 2016

Honors and Affiliations

Professional Affiliations

Member, Oregon State Bar

Member, Washington State Bar

Community Organizations

Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Board, Director, 2023-Present

Service to the Public Committee, Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, Chair, 2022-2023;
Member, 2021-2022

Youth Villages Oregon Ambassador Board, Chair, 2023; Vice Chair, 2022; Member, 2021