



## Sarah E. Coates

ATTORNEY

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### **My Assistant**

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Sarah works with clients on a variety of general business and real estate matters including business sales and acquisitions, real estate transactions, and entity formation. Sarah utilizes her experience working with a diverse group of businesses and individuals in her previous positions to assist and support clients in achieving the best results possible.

Prior to joining Sussman Shank, Sarah served as a Research Assistant while attending the University of Oregon School of Law, working primarily on updating a treatise for Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and gaining greater knowledge of secured transactions. As a participant in the school's Advanced Domestic Violence Clinic, Sarah gained further experience representing survivors of intimate partner violence in numerous family law matters, both in and out of court. Concurrently, Sarah served as a Law Clerk for a law firm in Eugene, Oregon, working on various business, tax, and health care matters.

## **THE ADVANTAGE OF WORKING WITH ME**

As a practical matter, I seek to ensure my approach to law meets the unique needs of each person or business I serve. I prioritize diligence, responsiveness, and knowledge, working closely with clients through every step of the process. I continually work to remain well-versed in areas of law that are relevant to clients, expanding my practice beyond a single field.

## **Industries**

**Real Estate and Land Use**

**Privately Held and Family-Owned Businesses**

**Health Care**

## **Practices**

**Business Law**

**Real Estate and Land Use**

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## **Education**

J.D., University of Oregon School of Law

B.A., Portland State University,  
summa cum laude  
Psychology with a minor in English

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## **Admissions**

- Oregon State Bar

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## **Honors**

Ibrahim J. Gassama Award for  
Editorial Excellence, Oregon Review  
of International Law, 2021

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- "I Do, I Did, I'm Done: Copyright and Termination of Transfer in Divorce", *Oregon Review of International Law* (2023)

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

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### **Professional Organizations**

- Campaign for Equal Justice, Associates Committee (2024-present)
- Oregon State Bar Taxation Section: New Lawyers Tax Committee
  - Officer (2023-present)
- Multnomah Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section (2022-present)
  - Board of Directors (2025)
  - Service to the Public Committee Chair (2024)
- Oregon State Bar, New Lawyers Division (2022-present)

### **Community Organizations**

- Board Member, Youth Villages Oregon (2025)
- Member, University of Oregon Common Reading Board (2020 – 2022)
- Chair, Eugene Public Library Foundation Board (2019 – 2022)

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

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I would describe myself as a bit of a serial hobbyist. Over the years I have dabbled in everything from glass blowing to cheesemaking. I love having the opportunity to try something new, whatever that may be. I'm an avid member of my bowling league, I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter, and I am an enthusiastic (if relatively unskilled) participant in a local curling league.