

ELENA M. THOMPSON

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

State: Ohio (2020), Washington (2022), Oregon (2026)

Federal: Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Southern District of Ohio, and Western District of Washington.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, J.D., 2020

- TEXAS JOURNAL ON CIVIL LIBERTIES & CIVIL RIGHTS, Articles Editor

The University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, B.A. *summa cum laude* in Political Science, 2017

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage, Fellow

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Miller Nash LLP, Seattle, Washington

Associate Attorney, July 2022–present

- Primary practice areas: condemnation and eminent domain, real estate, commercial litigation.
- Successfully represented local transit authority in arbitration and related trial over multi-million dollar acquisition. Representation included: preparing opening and closing briefing, pretrial motions, and cross-examination outlines.
- Represented client in a luxury residential real property dispute. including taking depositions, drafting trial briefing, and settlement negotiations that resulted in favorable outcome.
- Drafted trial and appellate briefing in a successful contract claim for breach of real estate lease agreement appeal before Washington Court of Appeals.
- Served on the firm's pro-bono committee (2024-present) and as the firm co-chair for the Legal Foundation of Washington's Associates Campaign for Equal Justice (2022-present).

American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio

Attorney and Gallogly Family Foundation Legal Fellow, October 2020–July 2022

- Led the affiliate's education and students' rights law programs.
- Served as lead ACLU counsel and client contact in federal anti-abortion challenge.
- Represented student against school board policy infringing on student's First Amendment speech rights.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER WORK

International Right of Way Association, Member (2025-present)

Washington State Bar Association, Litigation Section Member (2024-present), Real Property Probate and Trust Section Member (2026-present)

Legal Foundation of Washington, Associates Campaign for Equal Justice Co-Chair (2026).

PRESENTATIONS

- "Exceptions to the Unit Rule," Appraisal Institute: Seattle Chapter, 18th Annual Fall Real Estate Conference (Oct. 2024).
- "Arguing the Reasonable Probability of a Rezone," The Seminar Group, 14th Annual Cutting-Edge Issues in Condemnation (Oct. 2024).
- "Top Ten Ways to Help Your Eminent Domain Attorney," International Right of Way Association: Puget Sound Chapter, Monthly Meeting (Jan. 2025).
- "Appraisal Pitfalls: A Case Study of What Not To Do," Appraisal Institute: Seattle Chapter, 19th Annual Fall Real Estate Conference (Oct. 2025).
- "Washington Eminent Domain Law: A Primer," Washington State Bar Association: Real Property Probate and Trust Section, Spring Refresh CLE (Apr. 2026).

INTERESTS

Interests include hiking and camping, gardening, knitting, cooking, college football, and pub trivia.