

# Perkins Coie Expands Trust & Estate Planning Practice with New Seattle Partner Akane R. Suzuki

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that Akane R. Suzuki has joined the firm's Trust & Estate Planning practice as a partner in the Seattle office. In addition to serving the Seattle region, Akane has unique experience in the Japanese market and will help expand the practice's international footprint.

Akane counsels clients through all stages of their estates life cycle. She represents entrepreneurs, retirees, business executives and owners, family-owned businesses, and trust beneficiaries on matters related to succession planning for business owners, probate and trust administration, complex giving, charitable giving, international estate planning, powers of attorney, and wills. Akane also works on intellectual property and labor and employment matters.

In addition to her estate planning practice, Akane also assists Japanese business clients with a variety of real estate matters including acquisitions, lease reviews, and corporate maintenance.

Akane is co-founder of the Seattle branch of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and is a fellow and chair-elect for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. She received her B.A., with honors, from Lewis & Clark College; her J.D., with honors, from the University of Washington School of Law; and her LL.M. from New York University School of Law.