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Kathy Gerla is a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Civil Division of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, where she represents the Department of Natural Resources and Parks. Kathy has 25 years of experience representing both public and private clients on a variety of issues, with emphasis on environmental, natural resource, land management and municipal/government issues. She was formerly a Senior Assistant Attorney General at the State Attorney General's Office, where she served as the Division Chief of the Natural Resources Division, and represented both the Departments of Natural Resources and Ecology. She provided advice and litigation services to the agencies on a broad range of environmental issues, serving as lead counsel for Ecology's hazardous waste cleanup (MTCA), solid waste, water rights, SEPA and wetlands programs. Kathy represented Ecology in the legislative MTCA Policy Advisory Committee negotiations which led to substantial amendments to the MTCA statute and rules. Kathy was formerly a Member at Foster Pepper PLLC, where she represented both municipal and private clients on issues including contaminated property cleanup and redevelopment, municipal stormwater regulation, and water rights. Kathy was also a Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle before joining the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. She is a past chair of the Environmental and Land Use Section of the Washington State Bar Association. Kathy graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law, *summa cum laude*, in 1987 and clerked for the Washington State Supreme Court.