



New Arena at Seattle Center

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The redevelopment of the Seattle Center Arena will establish Seattle as home to one of the premier, historic live-entertainment and sport venues in the world. Hear from the team engaged in bringing this project to life, including their journey to date through the unique deal, design, and planning challenges.

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Moderator

Kris Wilson, Partner, Perkins Coie



Kristine (Kris) Wilson guides developers in a range of projects, from large-scale, mixed-use, high-density urban retail centers to energy projects in remote rural areas and coastline zones. As counsel for large, complex projects, Kris works to develop her client's path forward and she helps evaluate, negotiate, obtain and defend regulatory approvals and agreements necessary for acquisition, development and use of real property. Her project portfolio includes nationally prominent lifestyle retail centers, such as the Lincoln Square complex in Bellevue, sports stadiums and arenas, and office and school campus projects. As environmental counsel, Kris works with project developers on environmental due diligence and environmental impact statements (EISs), particularly in complex urban or shoreline areas and she has extensive experience managing clients through NEPA and SEPA processes and addressing wetland and historic and cultural preservation issues. Kris is the Office Managing Partner of



the Bellevue Office of Perkins Coie. She is active in the community, currently serving on the boards of the YWCA Seattle-King-Snohomish and the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, and in real estate industry groups, such as her work as co-chair of the ULI Northwest Women’s Leadership Initiative and Vice Chair of the national ULI Public Development Infrastructure Product Council.

Panelists

Julie Wilson-McNerney, Associate, Perkins Coie



Julie Wilson-McNerney assists clients with project development, permitting and compliance matters under local land use and state and federal environmental laws. She represents clients in land use and environmental litigation, including CERCLA/MTCA cost recovery actions, government enforcement actions, and lawsuits challenging permits and regulatory developments. Julie also counsels clients regarding water supply and water rights issues in project development and assists with environmental and water rights aspects of corporate and real estate transactions, including due diligence investigations.

Morgan Littlefield, Community Liaison, Oak View Group



Morgan Littlefield joined the New Arena at Seattle Center project in June of 2018, bringing to the team a diverse background that includes over 20 years of sports and entertainment, communications, and community engagement. She has extensive experience on both the venue and producer side of event operations and in a variety of markets. Having lived in Queen Anne for the last ten years, Morgan’s background pairs well with her day-to-day experiences in one of the vibrant neighborhoods so closely connected to the arena project.

Rico Quirindongo, Principal, DLR Group



Driven by the desire to have a meaningful impact on both the urban and natural landscape, Rico works with public agencies and community organizations to have a positive impact in their own neighborhoods through design. In 25 years of professional experience, Rico believes that existing buildings provide a rich context for our daily lives and that maintenance of this building stock is the ultimate expression of a sustainable architecture and a critical component of a new green economy. Rico was on AIA Seattle’s board of directors for six years and was president of the Seattle Chapter in 2012-13. Rico was a mayoral appointee to the Historic Seattle Council, a founding



member of the National Organization of Minority Architects Northwest Chapter, and currently is the chair of the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority. Rico was recognized in 2011 by AIA National as a Citizen Architects on the Move and was awarded the AIA Seattle Young Architect Award in 2014.

Jill Crary, Redevelopment Director, City of Seattle



Jill's background is technical theater, and she was a member of Seattle Repertory Theatre's technical staff during the Bagley Wright Theatre design and construction. Jill joined Seattle Center in 1990 and for eight seasons was the event manager for Seattle Sonics NBA games, first in the Coliseum, and later in the renovated KeyArena. In 1998, Jill became part of Seattle Center's project management team for the renovation of the Opera House into McCaw Hall, which opened in 2003. Since 2007 Jill has been the Redevelopment Director at Seattle Center and has worked on the creation of the Century 21 Master Plan, Chihuly Garden and Glass, KEXP, the redevelopment of the Armory, the transformation of the former Mercer Arena into Seattle Opera's new home and most recently, the new Arena at Seattle Center.