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Sara Watkins has been practicing law in Yakima since 2002. Her professional experience includes municipal law, real estate and civil litigation. She has extensive experience in municipal law, including drafting ordinances and resolutions, reviewing and negotiating municipal contracts, responding to Public Records Act requests, advising clients on the Open Public Meetings Act, attending meetings and advice on meeting procedures, and other issues applicable to municipalities. Sara currently serves as the City Attorney for the City of Wapato and the Town of Naches. She also represents special purpose districts, irrigation districts, and other municipal and quasi-municipal entities.

SELECT REPORTED CASE:

Ruland v. Department of Social and Health Services, 144 Wn.App.263, 182 P.3d 470 (2008). Sara successfully overturned a decision by the Department of Social and Health Services Board of Appeals determining that the ALJ did not have jurisdiction to hear the Rulands' dispute of a founded finding of neglect.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

"Expanding Public Participation in Environmental Justice: Methods, Legislation, Litigation, and Beyond." 17 *Journal of Env'tl Law and Lit.* 207 (2002)(under maiden name, Sara Pirk).

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES:

- Junior League of Yakima
- President, Yakima County Volunteer Attorney Services
- Enjoys hiking in the Cascades, travel and golf

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Areas of Practice

Government & Public Sector

Municipal Law (Cities & Counties)

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Education

Univ. of Minnesota, Twin Cities, B.A., 1999
• Alpha Chi Omega

Univ. of Oregon Law School, J.D., 2002

Admitted to Practice

State Courts

- Washington
- Oregon

Federal Trial Courts

- Bankruptcy Court District of WA
- Bankruptcy Court District of OR
- U.S. Dist. Court Eastern District of WA
- U.S. Dist. Court Western District of WA
- U.S. Dist. Court District of OR