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**Practice:** My practice is focused on condominium and other common interest communities, real estate acquisitions and dispositions, commercial leasing, and general real estate development. My common interest community practice includes representing developers forming condominiums and plat communities as well as owner associations and has involved a wide variety of communities, from small commercial and residential communities to more complex commercial, mixed-use, podium, marina leasehold, and phased flats and town home residential communities. For community developers, I assist with preliminary planning, work with the client's team handling investor, preliminary and final plat approval, and other aspects of the development, and draft unit purchase and sale and related agreements, community formation documents, and the public offering statement. Owner associations come to us to help them with general community management issues, modifying or restating governing documents that no longer fit the community's needs, construction projects, asset acquisitions, and loans.

**Practice Style:** As Assistant General Counsel at Sabey Corporation I collaborated with a team of talented architects, engineers and construction professionals to find creative and practical ways to turn real estate problems into opportunities. My goal is to help my clients achieve their objectives through careful listening, team-work, responsiveness, creative problem-solving and practical legal solutions.

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## Background:

- Sax and MacIver (Merged into Karr Tuttle Campbell). Associate 1985 – 1986
- Karr, Tuttle, Koch, Campbell. Associate 1986 – 1989
- Sabey Corporation. Assistant General Counsel 1989 - 1996.
- J.D., The George Washington University School of Law, 1984.
- L.L.M., Federal Taxation, The George Washington University School of Law, 1985.
- B.A., Gonzaga University, 1979
- Member, Washington State Bar

Catherine Torlai is licensed to practice in the State of Washington