



Jessica Fortescue Lobbyist

As an attorney and member of the Washington State Bar, Jessica Fortescue is the principal of JF Consulting Services which has offered public policy advocacy and governmental affairs consulting since 2003. Jessica provides services on a broad array of policy areas, including lending issues, complicated tax issues, affordable housing, K-12 education, higher education, health care, and environmental issues. Jessica is capable of providing a wide range of services for clients, including policy and legal analyses, advocacy, governmental affairs consulting, and fiscal analyses with an emphasis on tax issues.

Jessica holds a bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of Washington, and a Juris Doctor from Seattle University School of Law.

- Actively worked in 2021 with the Department of Financial Institutions to pass a bill (SB 5077) allowing to mortgage loan originators to work from home. Working with the Department to implement rulemaking moving forward.
- Successfully opposed legislation (SB 5138) that would have removed the first mortgage interest deduction for lenders in order to fund affordable housing projects.
- Successfully supported legislation (SB 5287) to expand the multifamily tax exemption to incentivize urban development and affordable housing.
- Active negotiator in proposals relating to consumer data privacy. Negotiated language that would have largely exempted data held by financial institutions subject to Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. Successfully ensured a comprehensive data privacy legislation did not pass with a problematic private right of action, and working to that end for the 2022 session.
- Successfully ensured there was not additional funds swept from the Department of Financial Services account (funded by the industry) in the 2021-23 Operating budget.
- Successfully advocated against state bank proposals.
- Successfully advocated for clarification from Governor Inslee's office to ensure real estate and lending sector was deemed essential during the Governor's 2020 "Stay home, stay healthy" order.
- Active stakeholder and negotiator in legislation that passed relating to condominium liability reform (SB 5334 passed in 2019 and signed into law).
- Active stakeholder and negotiator in legislation relating to the Jordan v. Nationstar litigation prohibiting lenders from accessing homes that are pre-foreclosure (HB 2057 passed in 2018 signed into law).
- Active negotiator in legislation updating the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act and ensuring priority liens not permitted for past due homeowners' association dues (SB 6175 passed in 2018 with negotiated language WMBA supported).