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#### **OVERVIEW**

Cate Gelband is an associate at the firm's Seattle office. She is a member of the Corporate practice area and the Mergers and Acquisitions and Emerging Growth and Venture Capital practice groups. Cate focuses her practice on venture financings, corporate governance, and mergers and acquisitions, including cross-border transactions. She represents startup and growth-stage companies in connection with seed, angel, venture, and strategic financings and supports companies from formation through exit across a variety of industries.

#### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Cate was a summer associate at K&L Gates in 2019. During law school, she served as a judicial extern in the chambers of the Honorable John V. Acosta, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, and worked as a legal research and writing tutor. Cate also participated in the law school's Business Law Clinic.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Order of the Coif (2020)
- Laird Kirkpatrick Award for Highest Grade in Evidence
- Excellence in Legal Writing Award
- Maxine Lee Award for Editorial Excellence (Oregon Law Review)
- Excellence in Written Advocacy Award

#### **EDUCATION**

- J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2020 (Order of the Coif; Executive Editor, Oregon Law Review)
- B.A., Western Washington University, 2015

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#### **ADMISSIONS**

Bar of Washington

#### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

 12 February 2021, Direct and Derivative? Chancery Court Certifies Interlocutory Appeal, Asks Supreme Court to Clarify Dual Character Stockholder Claims

#### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital