

# Nicole H. Buckley

# **Associate**

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## **OVERVIEW**

Nicole Buckley is an associate at the firm's Seattle office and a member of the Technology Transactions and Sourcing group. Nicole leverages her robust background in technology policy to help clients close deals, scale operations, expand to the cloud, and achieve regulatory compliance. She has experience collaborating with technology companies of all sizes to address concerns ranging from antitrust to data privacy. Nicole also supports entities public and private in reaching a working understanding of misinformation and disinformation, especially in the context of use policies and international law. Nicole is growing a pro bono practice focused on expanding content moderation literacy and supporting survivors of internet-based crimes. Outside of partnering with clients to realize their goals, Nicole enjoys distance running, perusing local bookstores, and spending time with her rescue dog.

#### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Nicole engaged her background in social science as a research analyst for the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public. In that position, Nicole collaborated with colleagues at Stanford University's Internet Observatory to build out the Election Integrity Partnership. At the EIP, Nicole assisted social media companies and government entities in discovering, diverting, and defanging election-related misinformation and disinformation. With an eye turned toward policy-based interventions and regulatory compliance, Nicole co-authored the Partnership's well-received final report.

In her practice, Nicole builds on expertise developed as a Hazelton Fellow at the University of Washington's Tech Policy Lab. The TPL is an interdisciplinary collaboration that seeks to improve technology policy through research, education, and thought leadership. Nicole's work at the Lab probed Section 230, misinformation, and First Amendment law.

While in law school, Nicole also served as an extern in Judge Stanley A. Bastian's chambers. She handled matters ranging from 11th Amendment jurisprudence to motions for compassionate release. Additionally, Nicole gained plaintiff's side litigation experience while clerking for a boutique firm in the heart of Seattle.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Next Gen in Law Puget Sound Business Journal
- Judge Eugene Wright Scholar Award
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Administrative Law
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Professional Responsibility

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, The Long Fuse: Misinformation and the 2020 election, "A conversation on the release of the Election Integrity Partnership's report"
- Panelist, iAffiliates Day 2021, "Balancing the right to free speech with regulation of mis- and disinformation"

#### **EDUCATION**

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2022 with Honors; Submissions Editor, Washington Journal of Law, Technology & Arts
- B.A., University of Washington, 2018 cum laude with Honors in Political Science; Phi Beta Kappa

# **ADMISSIONS**

Bar of Washington

#### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 16 June 2023, Biden Administration Seeks Input on Al Risks and Opportunities
- 21 December 2022, New Guidance for Digital Content Creators' Metadata from the U.S. Court of Appeals

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Acquiring an Al Company," Thomson Reuters Practical Law, January 2024
- "New Guidance for Digital Content Creators' Metadata from the U.S. Court of Appeals," Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal, April 2023
- "'Censorship-free Platforms': Evaluating content moderation policies and practices of alternative social media," 4 For(e)dialogue 1, 3 February 2022
- Co-author, The Long Fuse: Misinformation and the 2020 Election, Stanford Digital Repository, 3 March 2021

# **K&L GATES**

- Co-author, Uncertainty and Misinformation: What to Expect on Election Night and Days After, Election Integrity Partnership, 26 October 2020
- Co-author, Inconsistencies in State-controlled Media Labeling, Election Integrity Partnership, 6 October 2020
- "Left, right, but no in-between: Explaining American polarization and post-factualism under President Trump," Routledge, 13 August 2018

# **MEDIA MENTIONS**

- Featured, "Next Gen in Law," Puget Sound Business Journal, 6 December 2023
- Quoted, "How YouTube failed the 2020 election test," Platformer, 3 March 2021

# **AREAS OF FOCUS**

**Technology Transactions and Sourcing** 

# **INDUSTRIES**

- Artificial Intelligence
- Technology