# CHRYSSA V. DELIGANIS

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## PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Seattle, WA 2021-present

***Assistant Professor*** (July 1, 2025-present)
***Visiting Assistant Professor*** (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2025)

**Service:** ACA Academic Technology Committee (2026-2027), Curriculum Committee (2026-2027), Bar Success Committee (2025-2026), Reimagine and Revise Our Curriculum (RRC) Leader MLS Program (2023-2024), 1L Commons Spring Faculty Leader Section B (2024), Faculty Advisor to student-initiated Federal Bar Association (2023-present), Faculty Advisor to student-initiated Health Law Society (2025-present), Faculty Advisor to student-initiated Seattle University Plaintiffs' Law Association (2025-present), Faculty Supervisor for Fulbright Student and PhD Candidate Chaimae Lamrani (2024-2025), Faculty Supervisor for various students publishing health law-related notes in SJTEIL and Seattle Law Review (2025-present)

**Recognition:** Faculty Marshall Spring 2026 Commencement, Faculty Marshall Spring 2025 Commencement, Faculty Marshall Winter 2024 Commencement

**Courses:** Property, Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Health Law I, Food & Drug Law

**Evaluations:** Average student rating of 4.78/5 with 322 JD and LLM students taught in bar tested courses while serving as part-time faculty (2021-2024); full-time starting July 2024. Tenure-track starting July 2025.

**BAR-BRI BAR EXAM REVIEW**, Seattle WA 2009-13

Lecturer on real property, personal property, and land use law for major national bar exam preparation company.

## EDUCATION:

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, J.D., *cum laude* 1998

Activities: HARVARD JOURNAL ON LEGISLATION, Staff Writer
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, Board Member and Trainer
BATTERED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROGRAM, Advocate
HARVARD LAW MENTOR PROGRAM, Mentor

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY** 1994

A.B. *with high distinction* (equivalent of *magna cum laude*) in Rhetoric

Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's Honor List (top 5%)
Mortar Board Honor Society (top 15 Seniors)
Prytanean Women's Honor Society
California Emerging Leader and Named Scholar
Mary G. Holway Scholarship

## CLERKSHIP:

**JUDGE RICHARD TALLMAN, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT**, Seattle, WA 2000-02

Drafted judicial opinions, orders, and dispositions. Prepared bench memoranda and questions for oral argument. Analyzed appellate briefs, petitions for rehearing, and trial records. Trained incoming clerks. Handled all types of federal civil and criminal cases including habeas corpus, immigration, complex contract disputes, and constitutional claims.

## LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS:

*No Surprise: Regulatory and Judicial Challenges Stymie the No Surprises Act*, forthcoming in PEPPERDINE LAW REVIEW

*Contingent Fee Conflicts: Attorneys Opt for Quick-Kill Settlements When Their Clients Would Be Better Off Going to Trial*, 26 NYU J. LEGIS. & PUB. POL'Y 1-64 (2024), with Steve P. Calandrillo and Neela Brocato

*The Vested Rights Doctrine: How a Shield Against Injustice Became a Sword for Opportunistic Developers*, 78 OHIO ST. L.J. 443-70 (2017), with Steve Calandrillo and Christina Elles

*Making "Smart Growth" Smarter*, 83 GEORGE WASH. L. REV. 829-91 (2015), with Steve Calandrillo and Andrea Woods

*IVF and the Law: How Legal and Regulatory Neglect Compromised a Medical Breakthrough*, 57 ARIZ. L. REV. 311-42 (2015), with Steve Calandrillo

*When Private Property Rights Collide With Growth Management Legislation*, 13 CORNELL REAL ESTATE REV. 1-17 (2015), with Steve Calandrillo and Andrea Woods

*Syringes in the Sea: Why Federal Regulation of Medical Waste is Long Overdue*, 41 GEORGIA L. REV. 169-227 (2006), with Steve Calandrillo

*Death by Apple Juice: The Problem of Foodborne Illness, the Regulatory Response, and Further Suggestions for Reform*, 53 FOOD & DRUG L.J. 681-728 (1998)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

**PREFACE** to the text *Legal Translation in Property Rights Under the Provisions of Law N° 14-07 of Land Entitlement in Morocco*, Aissam Zine-Dine and Kamal El Aissaoui, Edition 2025.

## PRESENTATIONS:

"Constitution Day," panel speaker at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, September 17, 2026.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, August 28, 2026.

"Current Events in Health Law and Bioethics," panel speaker at Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2026 Annual Conference, Fernandina Beach, Florida, July 31, 2026.

"Your Next Article (New Scholars Workshop) with Dean Roark," panel speaker at Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2026 Annual Conference, Fernandina Beach, Florida, July 28, 2026.

"New Scholars Workshop: Health Policy, Law, and Medical Standards," paper presentation at Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2026 Annual Conference, Fernandina Beach, Florida, July 28, 2026.

"Price Transparency and the Challenges of Cost Containment in Health Care," presentation at the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics (ASLME) 49th Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Georgia State University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, June 5, 2026.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, June 1, 2026 (recorded for later use by the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, in training judicial externs participating in their program).

"Meeting the Patient Where They Are: Stephanie's Story," presenter at the Foundation for Health Care Quality (FHCQ) Surgical COAP & Spine COAP 2026 Annual Conference, SeaTac, Washington, May 29, 2026.

"Ethics, Fees, and the New Lawyer," featured speaker at webinar sponsored by the King County Bar Association New Lawyers Division, Seattle, Washington, April 17, 2026.

"Healthcare as a Human Right," panel speaker at Washington State Bar Association webinar jointly sponsored by the WSBA Health Law Section, International Practice Section, and World Peace Through Law Section, Seattle, Washington, March 24, 2026.

"Regulating the Machine," interviewer/moderator, Technology, Innovation, Law and Ethics (TILE) Institute 2026 Spring Speaker Series featuring Dr. Christopher Austin, at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, March 17, 2026.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, January 23, 2026.

"Smart Growth and Washington's Growth Management Act," dissertation intervention delivered as a member of PhD candidate Chaima Lamrani Alaoui's dissertation jury at Moulay Ismail University, Meknes, Morocco, December 20, 2025.

"Property Rights in the United States," lecture at Moulay Ismail University, Meknes, Morocco, December 19, 2025.

"Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Panel Discussion at Seattle University School of Law," discussion moderator for panel featuring U.S. Circuit Judges McKeown, Paez, and Desai, at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, November 18, 2025.

"Ethics and the Rule of Law," panel speaker at the King County Bar Association's 2025 Bench Bar Conference, Seattle, Washington, November 11, 2025.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, August 29, 2025.

"No Surprise: Regulatory and Judicial Challenges Stymie the No Surprises Act," presentation at the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics (ASLME) 48th Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, June 4, 2025.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, June 2, 2025.

"No Surprises Act, and the Failures in Implementation," presentation at the Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys' Spring Hospital and Health Law Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, May 2, 2025.

"Trump's Attacks on Law Firms and the Rule of Law," panel speaker at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, April 29, 2025.

"Ethical Considerations," presentation at the Seminar Group's Residential Evictions Seminar, Seattle, Washington, March 27, 2025.

"Considerations in Settlements," presentation at the Washington State Bar Association's 2024 Ethics in Civil Litigation Seminar, Seattle, Washington, September 18, 2024.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, June 3, 2024.

"Ethical Considerations – Dealing with Pro Se Litigants," presentation at the Seminar Group's Residential Evictions Seminar, Seattle, Washington, November 17, 2023.

"Judicial Ethics and Trump's Lawyers," Social Justice Monday presentation at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, November 6, 2023.

"Formative Assessments and Active Learning Strategies," presentation at the 2023 Adjunct Faculty Convocation, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, August 3, 2023.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, May 30, 2023.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, May 31, 2022.

"Ethical Considerations for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, June 1, 2021.

"Judicial Ethics for Externs," lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, June 1, 2020.

"A Celebration of 9th Circuit Judge Richard C. Tallman," keynote speaker at Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, Washington, May 5, 2018.

"Slaying Your Dragons: Finding Balance in Your Law Career," speaker at University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, 2006.

"EEOC Disability Accommodation Guidelines," presentation at Foster Pepper & Shefelman Employment Seminar, Washington Trade & Convention Center, Seattle, Washington, 1999.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

**CALANDRILLO & DELIGANIS**, Seattle, WA 2002 - 2021

Litigation and consulting re: property, contract, and tort law. Notable cases include:

*Viking v. Holm, et al.,* 155 Wn.2d 112 (2005). Landmark property law case vindicating the rights of tens of thousands of Washington State landowners. Briefed and argued on direct appeal to the Washington Supreme Court. Secured a unanimous opinion overturning trial court's decision in favor of a developer seeking to invalidate a residential restrictive covenant.

**FOSTER, PEPPER & SHEFELMAN**, Seattle, WA Summer 1997, 1998-2000

***Associate*; *Summer Associate***. Drafted briefs and motions involving antitrust, employment, contract, property, and tort claims. Assisted in class actions and multidistrict litigation. Drafted employment, waiver, and indemnity agreements. Reviewed employee handbooks. Prepared demand letters. Deposed witnesses. Conducted analytical research.

**BOGLE & GATES**, Seattle, WA Summer 1996, Summer 1997

***Summer Associate***. Researched and drafted legal memoranda involving real estate, employment, personal injury, and related claims. Drafted portions of trial motions.

**THETAGEN, INC.,** Seattle, WA Summer 1998

***Business Development Associate***. Drafted portions of business plan for biotech start-up. Strategized regarding market development opportunities.

**NORTHWEST PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH NETWORK**, Seattle, WA 1994-95

***Administrator***. Helped launch a non-profit pharmaceutical outcomes research network. Prepared business plan. Designed informational brochures. Drafted application for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**, Washington, D.C. Summer 1993

***Intern***. Investigated potential violations of Article II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Interviewed complainants, analyzed data, and reported findings at policy meetings. Expedited the investigation of over 30 cases.

**STUDENT LEGAL CLINIC, ASSOC. STUDENTS OF THE U. OF CALIFORNIA**, Berkeley, CA 1991-94

***Director***. Informed clients of their legal options in landlord/tenant matters, marriage/divorce, and arrests for drug possession. Contacted attorneys and offered referrals. Prepared tax returns for low-income community members as a certified IRS assistant. Hired interns and managed clinic operations.

## BOARDS, COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS:

***Chair, Agricultural and Food Law Section*** 2026-
***ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS (AALS)***

***Member, Disciplinary Advisory Round Table*, WASH. STATE BAR ASSOC.** 2026-

Appointed by the Washington State Supreme Court.

***Secretary and Member of the Board of Directors*, LEGAL GATEWAY** 2025-

Leadership of a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating innovative solutions that expand access to justice through free federal civil rights legal service and civics education.

***Member, ACADEMY OF FOOD LAW AND POLICY*** 2025-

***Member, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LAW, MEDICINE, AND ETHICS (ASLME)*** 2025-

***Member, WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY OF HEALTH CARE ATTORNEYS (WSSHA)*** 2025-

***Member, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION (WSBA)***
***HEALTH LAW SECTION*** 2025-

***Member, Neighborhood Event Organizer, Mentor*,**
**MOTHER ATTORNEYS MENTORING ASSOC. SEATTLE (MAMAS)** 2009-2011

## MEDIA:

Payne, Mark: "IVF Deal Leaves Fertility Care Unknowns for Calif. Couple," LAW360/Healthcare Authority, September 15, 2026 (quoted regarding the lack of regulation of IVF in the United States and the resulting harms to downstream consumers of this technology).

"Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson responds to recall effort against her as hearing date approaches," television interview, radio, and concurrent print article for KIRO 7 Seattle (first appearing on air and at KIRO7.com on August 20, 2026).

"Top law schools for international law," THE NATIONAL JURIST, February 11, 2026 (identifying my foreword to "a landmark English-language study examining Morocco's system of land ownership" as supporting its decision to rank SU Law school as a "top law school for international law.")

Binion, Andrew: "A Front Row Seat to the Ninth Circuit," SEATTLE UNIVERSITY NEWS, November 20, 2025 (quoted regarding the Ninth Circuit's visit to SU Law School).

"Who's your doctor? Advice from advocates on researching before getting a procedure," television interview and quoted in concurrent print article for KIRO 7 Seattle (first appearing on air and at KIRO7.com on November 4, 2025).

Verniero, Madeline: "The Wild West of Fertility Clinics," THE REGULATORY REVIEW, August 10, 2021 (article discussing my *Arizona Law Review* paper on IVF).

"Solid and Liquid Medical Waste: Where Does It Go?" extensively quoted in article published in INFECTION CONTROL TODAY, April 1, 2008.

"Harvard Students Still Support the Judiciary," THE HARVARD CRIMSON, March 12, 1996 (quoted regarding the OJ Simpson trial).

## LEGAL CONSULTING ACTIVITIES:

**THE STRATFORD COMPANY LLC**, Seattle, WA 2006-2007

Provided consulting services regarding property law and acquisitions.

## BAR ADMISSIONS:

**WASHINGTON STATE, ADMITTED 1998, MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

Recipient of Pro Bono Publico Service Commendation

**NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, 1998**

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

**NEIGHBORHOOD CAPTAIN, PUGET SOUND BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION** 2022 – present

Advise new hobby beekeepers and members of the public on issues pertaining to honeybee health and care.

**ALUMNI INTERVIEWER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY** 2018 – 2021

Interviewed diverse applicants to Harvard University and advocated on behalf of worthy candidates for admission. Counseled students regarding college and life decisions.

**VICE PRESIDENT, SEATTLE CHAPTER, AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY** 2016 - 2018

Planned and implemented Chapter events and programs, selected scholarship recipients, and promoted access to and appreciation for the harp. Organized 2017 Harpathon at Virginia Mason Hospital.

**MEMBER, NORTHWEST YOUTH (AND YOUNG AT HEART) HARP ENSEMBLE** 2013 - 2022

Teamed with approximately a dozen harpists and various guest musicians to provide free holiday performances in the Seattle area (locations included the Seattle Public Library Ballard, Third Place Commons, etc.)

**THERAPY DOG HANDLER (WITH CANINE PARTNER ARGUS P. CALANDRILLO)** 2015-2018

Raised, socialized, and trained golden retriever puppy over 2.5 years culminating in three obedience titles and certification (by Therapy Dogs International) in July 2017. Conducted therapy visits at UW School of Law, a preschool, and various nursing home facilities.

## INTERESTS:

*Urban Farmer Since 2011.* Annual harvest exceeded (in 2020) 1,500 pounds of produce from a 1/3-acre homestead including chickens, quail, rabbits, and bees.

*Fermenter Since 2014.* Kefir, sourdough, wine vinegar, lacto-fermented vegetables, wine and mead.

*Beekeeper Since 2019.* Steward of colonies Athens, Sparta, Corinth, and Thebes.