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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)

Reimagine and Revise Our Curriculum (RRC) Leader MLS Program

1L Commons Faculty Leader Section B Spring 2024

Faculty Advisor to student-initiated Federal Bar Association

Faculty Advisor to student-initiated Health Law Society

Faculty Advisor to student-initiated Seattle University Plaintiffs' Law Association

Faculty Supervisor for PhD Student Chaimae Lamrani (Fulbright Recipient)

Faculty Marshall Winter 2024 Commencement

Faculty Marshall Spring 2025 Commencement

Faculty Marshall Spring 2026 Commencement

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

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

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, Board Member and Trainer

BATTERED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROGRAM

HARVARD LAW MENTOR PROGRAM

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:

[*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:

“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.

“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.

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

“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.

“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.

“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.

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

“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,” 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 concerning 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

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 1994

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 1991-95

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 umbrella organization for pro bono services offered to federal court litigants in the Western District of Washington, including the Federal Civil Rights Clinic (established 2005).

Member, ACADEMY OF FOOD LAW AND POLICY 2025-

Named to 2026 Conference Planning Committee

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, MOTHER ATTORNEYS MENTORING ASSOC. SEATTLE (MAMAS) 2009-2011

Early member, neighborhood event organizer, and mentor in organization supporting attorneys who are mothers.

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

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

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

Interview diverse applicants to Harvard University and advocate on behalf of worthy candidates for admission. Counsel students regarding college and life decisions.

VICE PRESIDENT, SEATTLE CHAPTER, AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY

2016 - 2018

Worked closely with Board members to plan and implement Chapter events and programs, select scholarship recipients, and promote 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

Team with approximately a dozen harpists and various guest musicians to provide free holiday performances in the Seattle area (locations include 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 therapy 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.

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

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