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Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA 2024-Present

Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs, 2025-Present

Therese Maynard Chair in Business Law, 2024-Present

Professor of Law, 2024-Present

Affiliate Professor of LMU College of Business Administration, 2024-Present

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, WA 2010-Present

Affiliate Professor of Law, 2023-Present

D. Wayne and Anne Gittinger Professor of Law, 2022-2023

Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development, 2022-2023

Associate Professor (tenured), 2021-2023

Assistant Professor, 2017-2021

Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Law, 2010-2017

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CAREY LAW SCHOOL, J.D., received May 1998

Activities:

Associate Editor, *Comparative Labor Law Journal*

Research Assistant for Professor Jacques deLisle (emphasis on Asian law)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, A.B., *with Distinction*, Political Science, received April 1995

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Securities law, corporate law, entrepreneurship, innovation, gender and BIPOC inequities, venture capital funding, and corporate governance

SCHOLARSHIP

Works-in-Progress

Business Before the Bench: Mapping Amicus Activity

TechRight

The Rhetoric and Reality of BigLaw

Publications

The New Wild West of Corporate Governance __ UC DAVIS L. REV. __
(forthcoming 2026) (co-authored with Xuan-Thao Nguyen).

[*Innovation Interrupted: Legal and Institutional Risks of Undermining Public-Private Partnerships*](#), 29 VA. J. L. & TECH 2 (2026) (co-authored with Xuan-Thao Nguyen)

[*Novel Corporate Governance Structures*](#), 38 HARV. J. L. & TECH 4 (2025) (co-authored with Xuan-Thao Nguyen).

[*Founder Worship, Effective Altruism, and Corporate Governance*](#), 113 KY L. J. 1 (2024-2025) (lead article) (co-authored with Xuan-Thao Nguyen).

Featured in [The CLS Blue Sky Blog](#)

[*Corporations and Abortion Rights in a Post-Dobbs World*](#), 57 UC DAVIS L. REV. 819-898 (2023).

[*Woke Capital Revisited*](#), 46 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 421-467 (2023) (invited symposium).

Featured in [The FinReg Blog](#) (Duke University School of Law)

Featured in [Business Law Today](#) (ABA Business Law Section)

[*Startup Biases*](#), 56 UC DAVIS L. REV. 1423-1502 (2023) (lead article).

Featured in the [Oxford Business Law Blog](#) (Oxford University)

Reprinted in the *Corporate Practice Commentator*

[*Nontraditional Investors*](#), 47 BYU L. REV. 463-534 (2022).

[*The Landscape of Startup Corporate Governance in the Founder-Friendly Era*](#), 18 NYU J. L. & BUS. 317-389 (2022).

Featured in [The FinReg Blog](#) (Duke University School of Law)

Featured in the [Business Scholarship Podcast](#)

[*Woke Capital: The Role of Corporations in Social Movements*](#), 9 HARV. BUS. L. REV. 441-494 (2019).

Featured in The Wire China

[*Employees as Regulators: The New Private Ordering in High Technology Companies*](#), 2019 UTAH L. REV. 973-1026.

[*Innovating Inclusion: The Impact of Women on Private Company Boards*](#), 46 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 345-413 (2019).

Featured in The CLS Blue Sky Blog and Private Company Directors: The Magazine for Private Company Governance

[*Catching Disruption: Regulating Corporate Venture Capital*](#), 2018 COLUM. BUS. L. REV. 341-425 (2018).

[*Regulating Unicorns: Disclosure and the New Private Economy*](#), 57 B.C. L. REV. 583-642 (2016).

Selected for republication in SECURITIES LAW REVIEW (2017) (Donald C. Langevoort, ed.)

Featured in The CLS Blue Sky Blog and Regulatory Review

[*Institutionalizing the USPTO Law School Clinic Certification Program for Transactional Law Clinics*](#) 19 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 327-59 (2015). (invited symposium)

[*Coming of Age: Innovation Districts and the Role of Law Schools*](#), 22 CLINICAL L. REV. 91-112 (2015).

[*The Dilemma of Intellectual Property Piracy in China*](#), 4 UCLA J. INT'L L. & FOR. AFF. 207-36 (1999).

[*From Office Ladies to Women Warriors?: The Effect of the EEOC on Japanese Women*](#), 10 UCLA WOMEN'S L.J. 103-40 (1999).

COURSES TAUGHT & INTERESTS

Business Organizations, Contracts, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Entrepreneurship, Securities Regulation, Venture Capital Deals, and Experiential Teaching

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Awards: American Bar Foundation Fellow (2023); Opportunities in Leadership Program (2022-2023); Philip A. Trautman Professor of the Year Award (2019); UW Leadership Excellence Cohort (2017-2019)

Nominations: Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award (2023); APEX Award (2021); Stanford Public Service Award (2021); SBA Council on Underserved Communities (2021); William Pincus Award (2020); Deborah L. Rhode Award (2018 and 2020); UW Distinguished Teaching Award (2015); David B. Thorud Leadership Award (2015)

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Contract with Seattle Office of Economic Development to build out Tier 1 services for entrepreneurs (May 2022-September 2023)

Co-Primary Investigator for economic recovery grant from the UW Population Health Initiative titled, "Helping Minority-Owned Small Businesses Survive and Thrive Post-COVID-19" (July 2020-November 2020)

Primary Investigator for a multi-year grant from the United States Patent & Trademark Office for the launch and expansion of the Washington Pro Bono Patent Network to help low-income inventors (2017-March 2023)

Service Contract with Life Science Washington to help build out the life sciences innovation ecosystem (2017)

Primary Investigator for a multi-year grant from the Howard B. Jones Foundation to help build out the innovation ecosystem in the Pacific Northwest (2011-2014)

SELECTED CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

The Rhetoric and Reality of BigLaw

National Business Law Scholars Conference, May 2026

Innovation Interrupted: Legal and Institutional Risks of Undermining Public-Private Partnerships

Virginia Journal of Law & Technology IP Rights and Government Contracts Symposium, April 2026

Business Before the Bench: Mapping Amicus Activity

Corporate & Securities Litigation Workshop, October 2025

The New Wild West of Corporate Governance (formerly Private Ordering 2.0)

Law & Entrepreneurship Association Conference, September 2025

National Business Law Scholars Conference, June 2025

Novel Corporate Governance Structures

Agency, Partnerships, LLCs, and Unincorporated Associations, ABA Annual Meeting, January 2025

Law & Entrepreneurship Association Conference, September 2024

Founder Worship, Effective Altruism, and Corporate Governance

National Business Law Scholars Conference, June 2024

Corporations and Abortion Rights in a Post-Dobbs World

Western People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference with the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, June 2023

Woke Capital Revisited

American Bar Association Business Law Section Meeting, April 2023

Berle XIII – Inclusive Corporate Leadership Conference, May 2022

Startup Biases

Startups and VC class, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, February 2023

LMU Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, November 2022

UC Law San Francisco, October 2022

Tulane Corporate and Securities Law Roundtable, March 2022

Nontraditional Investors

National Business Law Scholars Conference, June 2022

The Landscape of Startup Corporate Governance in the Founder-Friendly Era

Faculty Colloquium, The George Washington University Law School, November 2021
National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Tennessee College of Law,
June 2021
Law & Society Annual Meeting, May 2021
AALS Clinical Conference, April 2021
Law & Society Conference, May 2020
Tulane Corporate and Securities Law Roundtable, March 2020

BIPOC Entrepreneurship

Rocky Mountain Junior Scholar's Conference, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of
Utah, November 2020

Woke Capital: The Role of Corporations in Social Movements

Junior Business Law Colloquium, University of Colorado Law School, July 2018

Employees as Regulators: The New Private Ordering in High Technology Companies

Junior Business Law Colloquium, University of Colorado Law School, July 2019

Innovating Inclusion: The Impact of Women on Private Company Boards

Tennessee Law Review Symposium, The University of Tennessee Knoxville College of
Law, April 2019

Catching Disruption: Regulating Corporate Venture Capital

Business Law in the Global Gig Economy: Legal Theory, Doctrine, and Innovations in the
Context of Startups, Scaleups, and Unicorns, AALS Conference, January 2017
Faculty Colloquium, University of Washington School of Law, November 2016
Legal Scholar's Roundtable, Korea Legislation Research Institute, September 2016

Regulating Unicorns: Disclosure and the New Private Economy

Law & Entrepreneurship Association, University of San Diego School of Law, January
2016

*Institutionalizing the USPTO Law School Clinic Certification Program for Transactional Law
Clinics*

Lewis & Clark School of Law 19th Annual Business Law Fall Forum, October 2014
New York University Law School, September 2014

The Dilemma of Intellectual Property Piracy in China

George Washington University, Spring 1998

INVITED SPEAKER/PANELIST/DISCUSSANT

The Governance Puzzle of Founder Authority, Law, Business, and Entrepreneurship Program
Speaker Series, University of Washington School of Law, April 2026

AALS Section on Business Associations Work-in-Progress Session, January 2026

Equality Law Scholars Forum, LMU Loyola Law School, November 2025

AI Property Rights in Venture Capital: Adapting Traditional Frameworks for Innovation Equity, “New” “Frontiers” in Property in the Time of AI, Washington Journal of Law, Technology & Arts Symposium, University of Washington School of Law, March 2025

Blind Spots: Understanding the Impact of Bias in Startups and the VC Ecosystem, Fenwick CLE, February 2025

Women in Securities Enforcement SoCal (WISE) February Gathering, WilmerHale Los Angeles, February 2025

Agency, Partnerships, LLCs, and Unincorporated Associations, Co-Sponsored by Technology, Law and Legal Education and Transactional Law and Skills: *Technology’s Intersection with Agency, Partnerships, LLCs, and Unincorporated Associations*, AALS Annual Meeting, January 2025

Honoring the Legacy of Professor Susan R. Jones: Investing in Social Enterprises, Communities, and in the Next Generation of Social Impact Lawyers, George Washington University Law School, November 2024

Plenary Panel, *The California Effect: DEI*, National Business Law Scholars Conference, UC Davis School of Law, June 2024

AALS Business Associations Section Works-in-Progress, AALS Annual Meeting, January 2024

Women in Startups, Cornell Law School, October 2023

Intellectual Property Considerations for Startups, CoMotion, University of Washington, July 2023

How to Become a Law Professor: Perspectives from AAPI/MENA Women Law Professors, AAPI/MENA Women in the Legal Academy Summer Zoom Session, June 2023

Woke Capital Revisited, Business Law Section Meeting, American Bar Association, April 2023

Venture Capital and Term Sheets, UCLA School of Law, April 2023

Company Formation, CoMotion, University of Washington, April 2023

Startup Biases, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, February 2023

Overview of USPTO Pro Bono Program, Ethical Duties and Promoting Inventor Diversity for Patent Practitioners, Washington State Patent Lawyers Association, Microsoft, January 2023

Top Legal Mistakes That Startups Make and How to Avoid Them, CoMotion, University of Washington, November 2022

The Great Corporate Awakening: Confronting Litigation Risk and Political Fallout for Exercising Social Leadership, Plenary Panel, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention, November 2022

UW Converge Special Session: Innovation for Impact, UW Converge, University of Washington, October 2022

Amplifying the Washington Pro Bono Patent Network Through Legal Consults, USPTO Patent Pro Bono Quarterly Meeting, September 2022

Deciding to Enter Administration, Second Annual Workshop for AAPI and MENA Women in the Legal Academy, UC Davis School of Law, September 2022

Innovating Inclusion, Independent Director Initiative, UC Berkeley School of Law, August 2022

The JOBS Act at 10: The Transformation of Capital Raising and the Reach of Public Company Regulation, Plenary Panel, National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Oklahoma College of Law, June 2022

Introduction to Venture Capital, UCLA School of Law, April 2022

Corporate and IP Issues, Institute of Translational Health Sciences and Washington Research Foundation Fellows Program, Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Washington Foster School of Business, July 2021

The Corporation's Role in Social Movements, The Journal of Corporation Law and the Iowa Black Law Student Association, April 2021

Identifying Social Needs and Creating Companies, William and Mary Business Law Review Symposium: Social Entrepreneurship and the Law, March 2021

Corporate Social Responsibility and Employment Law, 2021 University of Richmond Law Review Symposium: Corporate and Securities Law in the Time of Coronavirus, University of Richmond School of Law, March 2021

Legal Issues and Intellectual Property, The Washington Entrepreneurial Research, Evaluation, and Commercialization Hub (WE-REACH) Biomedical Innovation Bootcamp and CoMotion I-Corps Program, February 2021

Section on Economic Globalization and Governance: COVID-19 and Corporate Governance, AALS Annual Meeting, January 2021

Interuniversity Dialogue on Establishing Pathways to Integrate Clinical Education and Experiential Learning Into the Law School Curriculum, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, December 2020

Common Legal Questions for Entrepreneurs, Innovation Lab, Bellevue Community College, November 2020

Entrepreneurial Help, On Board Othello Coalition, October 2020

Interuniversity Dialogue on Establishing Pathways to Integrate Clinical Education and Experiential Learning Into the Law School Curriculum, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, September 2020

Legal Issues and Intellectual Property, The Washington Entrepreneurial Research, Evaluation, and Commercialization Hub (WE-REACH) Biomedical Innovation Bootcamp, July 2020

U.S. Experts: Models of Legal Clinics for Technology & Business, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, July 2020

Teaching in an IP Clinic During a Pandemic, 2020 IP Clinicians' Workshop, Center for IP Research, Indiana University Maurer School of Law and University of Notre Dame Law School, July 2020

Legal Issues and Intellectual Property, The Washington Entrepreneurial Research, Evaluation, and Commercialization Hub (WE-REACH) Biomedical Innovation Bootcamp, February 2020

An Overview of Venture Capital and the Innovation Ecosystem, Global Innovation Exchange, November 2019

Keynote, *High Tech Companies, Their Innovations, & the Law*, Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation Distinguished Lecture Series, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, September 2019

Communication Competency in Transactional Lawyering, 18th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, University of California, Berkeley, May 2019

Unlocking UW Resources for the Startup Community, Startup Week Seattle, October 2018

Washington Pro Bono Patent Network, Startup Week Seattle, October 2018

Law and Community: Helping to Create Legal Resources, U.S. State Department International Visitors Leadership Program (visiting Chinese judicial delegation), June 2018

The Art of Counseling Entrepreneurs, 17th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, April 2018

Transactional Law and Skills: Access to Justice and Transactional Law, AALS Annual Meeting, January 2018

Unlocking UW Resources, Seattle Startup Week, CoMotion, University of Washington, October 2017

Corporate Venture Capital's Impact on Innovation, Center for Advanced Study & Research on Innovation Policy, University of Washington School of Law, July 2017

Growing Business and Legal Challenges of the Sharing Economy, Center for Advanced Study & Research on Innovation Policy, University of Washington School of Law, July 2017

Innovative Deals and Licensing Issues, The Art and Science of the IP Deal, University of Washington School of Law, April 2017

The State of IP Deals 2016-2017, The Art and Science of the IP Deal, University of Washington School of Law, April 2017

Why [Transactional] Law Matters, AALS Annual Meeting, January 2017

Unlocking UW: UW Resources to Support Inclusive Innovation, Seattle Startup Week, CoMotion, University of Washington, November 2016

The Intersection of Entrepreneurial Law, Intellectual Property, and Innovation in the United States, U.S. State Department International Visitors Leadership Program (visiting Chinese judicial delegation), August 2016

Innovation and the Law, Center for Advanced Study & Research on Innovation Policy, IP Management Track, University of Washington School of Law, July 2016

Responding to Challenges of Representing Transactional Clients in Different Settings, 15th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, April 2016

What We Wish We Knew Then, 15th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, April 2016

An Overview of U.S. Entrepreneurial Law, Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative, March 2016

IP Issues for Startups, CoMotion Incubator, University of Washington, March 2016

Innovation Imperative, Startup Week at UW, October 2015

Entrepreneurship and Business Start-Ups—What You Need to Know, Alaska CLE Series, September 2015

The Role of IP in the Innovation Ecosystem, Center for Advanced Study & Research on Intellectual Property, IP Management Track, University of Washington School of Law, July 2015

Creatively Embracing Change by Using an Eco-System Model, 38th Annual Conference on Clinical Education, May 2015

Nuts and Bolts Teaching Plenary, 14th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, April 2015

Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Tsinghua University, University of Washington, September 2014

IP Entrepreneurship, Center for Advanced Study & Research on Intellectual Property, IP Management Track, University of Washington School of Law, July 2014

The Role of Your Law School and Other Graduate Schools in Your Entrepreneurial Ecosystem: Tapping the Free Legal Advice Right Next Door, Association of University Technology Managers Annual Meeting, February 2014

IP Entrepreneurship, Center for Advanced Study & Research on Intellectual Property, University of Washington School of Law, July 2013

Serving the Startup Ecosystem's High-Growth and University IP Business, 12th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, University of Texas at Austin School of Law, April 2013

Law and Entrepreneurship, University of Washington School of Law – Korea University Summer Program, July 2011

English-Only Rules in the Workplace, University of Michigan Law School, Spring 1998

SELECTED MEDIA

Featured in *LLS Impact* (April 2026)

Quoted in *Epoca Negocios* (2024).

Quoted in “Who Gets to Invent?,” *Seattle Met* (August 23, 2022).

Quoted in “Clay Siegall built Seattle biotech firm Seagen into a \$1.6B giant. Then the cops came calling,” *The Seattle Times* (July 31, 2022).

Cited in “Opinion: The SEC Is Sounding Very European About Regulating Unicorns, Private Companies,” *Bloomberg* (January 17, 2022).

Cited in “Going Dark: The Growth of Private Markets and the Impact on Investors and the Economy,” *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (October 12, 2021).

“Diversifying startups and VC power corridors,” *TechCrunch* (August 29, 2021).

Interviewed and quoted in “From ‘freaking pissed’ to ‘big things’: How a women-owned gym survived the pandemic,” *KUOW/NPR* (July 12, 2021).

Quoted in “Diankha Linear says she arrived at Convoy 4 years ago to be ‘a leader, not a lawyer’” *Puget Sound Business Journal* (May 21, 2021).

Quoted in “Professor-led initiative to support minority-owned businesses,” *The Daily of the University of Washington* (May 5, 2021).

Quoted in “33 PPP loans, one company: How a WA drive-thru coffee chain got millions in COVID-19 funds” *KIRO-7* (May 4, 2021)

Quoted in “Helping minority-owned small businesses survive and thrive post-COVID-19” *University of Washington Population Health* (April 13, 2021).

Quoted in “Helping BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and women-owned businesses survive and thrive” *University of Washington News* (March 19, 2021).

Profile feature in “Law School alumni in academia bring passion and eclectic expertise to teaching and scholarship” *University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School* (September 16, 2020).

Quoted in “The NBA’s Jam,” *The Wire (China)* (July 26, 2020).

Quoted in “Eighteen UW projects awarded COVID-19 economic recovery grants” *The Daily of the University of Washington* (July 7, 2020).

SERVICE

Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Agency Law Agency, Partnerships, LLCs, and Unincorporated Associations, 2025-Present

Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Business Associations, 2023-Present

LLS Academic Standards and Grading Committee, 2025-Present

LLS Accessibility Services Committee, 2025-Present

LLS Appointments Committee, 2024-Present

LLS Bar Exam Task Force, 2026-Present

LLS Curriculum Committee, 2025-Present

LLS Formative Assessment Subcommittee, 2025-Present

LLS Three Unit Allocation Subcommittee, 2025-Present

LLS Dean’s Advisory Council, 2024-Present
 LLS Equity and Inclusion Committee, 2024-2025
 LLS Instructional Technology Committee, 2024-Present
 LLS LLM/MLS Assessment Committee, 2025-Present
 LLS JD Assessment Committee, 2025-Present
 LLS Strategic Planning Committee, 2024-2025
 LLS Task Force: Academic Success Program, 2025-Present
 LLS Transactional Lawyering Institute Search Committee, 2024
 UW Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property, Policy and Practice, 2023-2024
 UW Advisory Committee on Sexual Harassment Prevention for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine, 2019-2021
 UW Law Clinical Legal Education Association Best Practices in Pedagogy Committee, 2019-2021
 UW Law Curriculum Committee, 2014-2016
 UW Law, Director, Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, 2012-2023
 UW Law Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2017-2018
 UW Law Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group, 2022-2023
 UW Law Executive Committee of the Clinical Law Program, 2014-2021
 UW Law Executive Council to the Dean, 2020-2021
 UW Law Faculty Advisor, Law, Business, & Entrepreneurship Track, 2018-2023
 UW Law Gates Public Service Law Scholarship Screening Committee, 2019-2020
 UW Law Gates Public Service Law Scholarship Selection Committee, 2017-2018
 UW Law Faculty Colloquium Committee (formerly Intellectual Life Committee), 2016-2017, 2018-2021, 2022-2023
 UW Law Innovation Committee, 2015-2016
 UW Law Instructional Technologies Working Group, 2022-2023
 UW Law Perspectives Working Group, 2022-2023
 UW Law Student Learning Assessment Committee, 2017-2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI, P.C. , Seattle, WA	2008-2009
Palo Alto, CA	2004-2006
<i>Associate, Corporate & Securities</i>	
STANFORD LAW SCHOOL , Stanford, CA	2006-2007
<i>Director, Pro Bono Program</i>	
ASIAN PACIFIC FUND , San Francisco, CA	2003-2004
<i>Vice President and Director of Legal Affairs</i>	
STANFORD UNIVERSITY , Stanford, CA	2001-2003
<i>Associate Director, Office of Development</i>	

COOLEY GODWARD LLP, Palo Alto, CA 1999-2001
Associate, Business Group

BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON LLP, New York, NY 1998-1999
Corporate Associate, Business and Technology Group

BAR ADMISSIONS

California (inactive), New York, and Washington

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Japanese and Mandarin. Conversational in Taiwanese.