

Dwayne Bensing

Dwayne Bensing joined the ACLU of Delaware in 2020, after serving for three years with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights and two years with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Dwayne began his legal career at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP, in Washington, D.C.

Prior to attending law school, Dwayne was selected as a Truman Scholar in 2006 and taught middle-school Science and Social Studies in Philadelphia Public Schools as a Teach for America corps member.

Dwayne's work with ACLU-DE has included education equity, free speech, and the rights of incarcerated people. Dwayne became Legal Director of ACLU-DE in 2022.

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Lori Lipman Brown

Lori Lipman Brown served as the first director of the Secular Coalition for America (2005-2009). A former lawyer and educator, Brown served in the Nevada State Senate from 1992-1994. Her work on LGBT issues is included in Dennis McBride’s 2016 text, *Out of the Neon Closet, Queer Community in the Silver State*. Brown authored a chapter of *50 Voices of Disbelief, Why We Are Atheists* (editor Russell Blackford, 2009) and is quoted extensively in *American Secularism, Cultural Contours of Nonreligious Belief Systems* (Joseph Q. Baker and Buster G. Smith, 2015).

Awards include Freethought Backbone Award from the Secular Student Alliance, Civil Libertarian of the Year from the Southern Nevada chapter of the ACLU, Legislator of the Year from the Nevada chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and Friend of the Center award from the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada, Mark DeWolfe Award from Interweave Continental.

Brown earned a JD from Southwestern University School of Law (1983) and a BA from University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1981).

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John Culhane

John Culhane is Distinguished Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Family Health Law & Policy Institute at Widener University Delaware Law School, and a contributing writer for both *Slate* and *Politico*.

He is the author of *More than Marriage: Forming Families After Marriage Equality* (Cal Press 2023), and co-author of “Same-Sex Legal Kit for Dummies.” He is also the editor and a contributor to “Reconsidering Law and Policy Debates: A Public Health Perspective,” and the author of some

three dozen law review articles on a wide range of topics, including: the rights of LGBT couples; compensation of victims of mass disasters; the public health implications of such disparate issues as sports-related concussions, bullying, same-sex marriages, and vaccine compensation policy; and a wide range of tort law issues (including informed consent, product liability, and educational malpractice).

In addition to Slate and Politico, Professor Culhane's work has appeared in the New York Times, the L.A. Times, the Miami Herald, the Huffington Post, Dissent Magazine, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia City Paper, and in many other news outlets. He has been featured on a number of radio and television shows, including All Things Considered, Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane, the Michael Smerconish Show, local NBC and CBS affiliates, DEL-TV, America Weekend, Press Play with Madeleine Brand, American Law Journal, Voice of America, Midday with Dan Rodricks, The Mitch Albom Show, and The Gil Gross Show. He appears in the feature-length documentary "America Betrayed", where he discusses the disparate treatment given to victims of the September 11 terrorist attack and those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

He has thrice won the Outstanding Faculty award at Widener and has twice received the Douglas E. Ray Scholarship Award.

Before coming to Widener in 1987, Professor Culhane was an associate editor of the Fordham Law Review. He then clerked for the Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin, in federal district court in New York City, before working for the New York law firm of Cahill Gordon and Reindel. From 1986-87, he was a Bigelow Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. He has also been a visiting professor at Southern Methodist University and California Western School of Law, and is currently a visiting professor at the Beasley School of Law at Temple University. He also teaches a class in Shakespeare and the Law at Drexel University.

Prof. Culhane lives in Philly with his husband and two daughters. He enjoys swimming, tennis, reading, and...well, life.

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Erin Daly

Erin Daly is Professor of Law at Delaware Law School and the Director of the Dignity Rights Clinic, the world's first legal clinic dedicated to advancing the dignity rights of people around the world. She is the co-Director of the Dignity Rights Institute. She served as Interim Dean and Vice Dean of the Law School in 2013-2015.

Professor Daly has written extensively on the law of human dignity, comparative constitutional law, and transitional justice issues throughout the world. She is the author of *Dignity Rights: Courts, Constitutions, and the Worth of the Human Person* (U. Penn 2d ed. 2020), with a Foreword by former President of the Israeli Supreme Court, Aharon Barak. This is the first book to explore the constitutional law of dignity around the world. In *Dignity Rights*, Professor Daly shows how dignity has come not only to define specific interests like the right to humane treatment or to earn a living wage, but also to protect the basic rights of a person to control his or her own life and to

live in society with others. She argues that, through the right to dignity, courts are redefining what it means to be human in the modern world.

With Professor May, she has also co-authored or co-edited numerous volumes on dignity law and on environmental constitutionalism including the first casebook on dignity law: [Dignity Law: Global Recognition, Cases, and Perspectives](#) (W.S. Hein 2020) as well as [Global Environmental Constitutionalism](#) (Cambridge 2015), [Implementing Environmental Constitutionalism](#) (Cambridge 2018), [Encyclopedia of Human Rights and the Environment: Legality, Indivisibility, Dignity and Geography](#) (Edward Elgar 2019) and Handbook on Environmental Constitutionalism, and Compendium of Cases (3d edition, United Nations Environment 2019), used in judicial workshops around the world.

Professor Daly's first book, [Reconciliation in Divided Societies: Finding Common Ground](#), (U. Penn 2006, 2010), was co-authored with South African scholar Jeremy Sarkin and with a foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Professor Daly serves as the executive director of [Dignity Rights International](#) and as the US National Correspondent for the Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement (CIDCE) at Limoges, and as the Vice President for Institutional Development at the Université de la Fondation Aristide in Haiti.

She joined the faculty at Widener in 1993. She served as Interim Dean 2013-2015, Vice Dean 2013-2014, and Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development 2007-2011. She has directed summer programs in Sydney, Australia and Venice, Italy. She teaches in the areas of Dignity Rights, Human Rights, International Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Constitutional Law (Rights and Structure), and Administrative Law. She received a B.A. from Wesleyan University, and her J.D. from the University of Michigan.

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Perry Dane

Perry Dane has a body of scholarship that includes conflict of laws, religion and law, Constitutional Law, legal pluralism, nonprofits law, Jewish Law, and legal theory. He clerked for Judge David Bazelon of the U.S. Court of Appeals and Justice William Brennan of the U.S. Supreme Court and served for nine years on the Yale Law School faculty.

Professor Dane received his B.A. summa cum laude from Yale College and his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was Note Editor of the law journal and received the Israel H. here Peres Prize awarded by the faculty for the best student contribution to the Yale Law Journal. After law school, he clerked for Judge David Bazelon of the U.S. Court of Appeals and Justice William Brennan of the U.S. Supreme Court and then served for nine years on the Yale Law School faculty.

Professor Dane has written landmark articles on choice of law, religion and law, the jurisprudence of Jewish law, legal pluralism, and jurisdiction. He teaches courses in Conflicts of Law, Constitutional Law, American Indian Law, Jurisdiction, Law and Religion, Nonprofit Organizations, Education Law, the Canadian Legal System, and "The Debate on Same-Sex

Marriage," and seminars on "Legalism" and "Religion and the State in Cross-National Perspective."

In January 1997, Professor Dane was a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, teaching an intensive course on Religion and the Law. In January 2008, he taught a course on Religion and the State in Cross-National Perspective as a visiting professor at the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law.

During the 2000-01 academic year, Professor Dane was a faculty fellow at the Rutgers Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture during their program on "Secularism." During the 2010-11 academic year, Professor Dane was a full-time resident fellow at the [Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization at the New York University Law School](#). He is presently a Faculty Affiliate of the Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy. He has also been a member of the national seminar of the Project on Religious Institutions at Yale University's Program on Non-Profit Organizations, a guest of the Shalom Hartman Institute In Israel, and a participant in a variety of scholarly conferences around the nation and the world. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Directors of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations at Saint Joseph's University.

Professor Dane occasionally posts on several group blogs.

In 2011, Professor Dane received the law school's inaugural Dean's Award for Scholarly Excellence. His service to the larger Rutgers community includes a term as Chair of the Faculty Council representing all the units at Rutgers University-Camden.

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Brooke Girley

Brooke Girley is a law professor and civil rights attorney. Currently, she is a Teaching Fellow at Widener University Delaware Law School where she teaches legal writing and a course on civil rights. She has also worked as an adjunct professor in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Bethune-Cookman University. In addition to her work in education, she worked as a media executive, serving as the Director of Media for the Christian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, NY and the VP of Media and Content for ARB TV. In that role, she oversaw the creation and production of all content on the platform. Additionally, she had the privilege of being the founding Chief Content Officer for Ambo TV, a groundbreaking faith-based network based out of New York City. As the CCO of Ambo TV, she interviewed a variety of people from authors to singers, and Oscar-nominated actors. Prior to her work in media Professor Girley worked as a civil rights lawyer in Central Florida with her father who is also a Reverend and an attorney.

Professor Girley earned her B.A. from New York University as a double major in Religious Studies and Africana Studies. She received her law degree from Duke Law School, and her M.A. in Religious Studies with a concentration in Black Religion in the African Diaspora from Yale Divinity School.

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Marci A. Hamilton

Marci A. Hamilton is a Professor of Practice in the Department of Political Science and Fox Family Pavilion Non-resident Senior Fellow in the Program for Research on Religion at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also the Founder and CEO of CHILD USA, www.childusa.org, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit think tank that pairs cutting-edge legal analysis with original social science research to improve laws and policies related to child abuse and neglect. Before joining the faculty at Penn, Professor Hamilton held the Paul R. Verkuil Chair in Public Law at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University.

Prof. Hamilton is the leading expert on clergy sex abuse and child sex abuse statutes of limitation (“SOL”). She has been invited to testify and advise legislators in every state where significant SOL reform has occurred. Hamilton is also the co-chair of the Global SOL Reform Task Force, where she is leading the effort to create a global dashboard with the SOLs of every country to support the grassroots movement worldwide. She is the author of *Justice Denied: What America Must Do to Protect Its Children* (Cambridge University Press 2008), which advocates for the elimination of child sex abuse statutes of limitations. She has filed countless pro bono amicus briefs for the protection of children at the United States Supreme Court and the state supreme courts. She is the co-author of *Children and the Law* (Carolina Academic Press 2017) and *Learning Constitutional Law* (Cognella Academic Press 2022).

Hamilton is a leading and influential critic of extreme religious liberty and the author of *God vs. the Gavel: The Perils of Extreme Religious Liberty* (Cambridge University Press 2014), which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Hamilton successfully challenged the constitutionality of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (“RFRA”) at the Supreme Court in *Boerne v. Flores* (1997) and defeated the RFRA claim brought by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee against hundreds of child sex abuse survivors in *Committee of Unsecured Creditors v. Listecky* (7th Cir. 2015). She has represented numerous cities, neighborhoods, and individuals dealing with church-state issues as well as claims under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (“RLUIPA”).

Hamilton has been honored with the 2019 Distinguished Daughters Award by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf; the 2018 Louis H. Pollak Award for Public Service by the University of Pennsylvania Law School; the 2015 Annual Religious Liberty Award, American Humanist Association; the 2014 Freethought Heroine Award; the 2016 Voice Today, Voice of Gratitude Award; the National Crime Victim Bar Association’s Frank Carrington Champion of Civil Justice Award, 2012; the E. Nathaniel Gates Award for outstanding public advocacy and scholarship, 2008; and selected as a Pennsylvania Woman of the Year Award, 2012, among other awards and honors. She is also frequently quoted in the national media on child sex abuse, statute of limitations issues, and constitutional, RFRA, RLUIPA, and First Amendment issues.

Hamilton clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and Judge Edward R. Becker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Professor Hamilton is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, B.A., *summa cum laude*; Pennsylvania State University, M.A. (English, fiction writing, *High Honors*); M.A. (Philosophy); and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif.

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Matthew Lynch

Matthew Lynch, Vice Chair, Delaware American Constitution Society. After obtaining a law degree from Villanova School of Law. Matt joined the Delaware Department of Justice as a Deputy Attorney General and represented the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services. In 1984 he became Deputy General Counsel for Wilmington Trust Company. In 2008 he was hired by US Trust Company's risk management department as a Senior Vice President and over the next several years served as risk manager and chief compliance officer for several Delaware trust companies. In 2016 he was asked to help the Delaware Ministry of Caring supervise a variety of programs as their Deputy Director of Programs. He retired in 2018.

He has served on the boards of several Delaware non-profits and chaired the boards of Delaware's Children's Advocacy Center, the Delaware Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Delaware Common Cause. He currently chairs the Board of the Todmorden Foundation which is affiliated with the Woodlawn Trustees and operates the low-income housing properties in Wilmington. He is also the Treasurer of Delaware Pacem in Terris, Inc and Vice Chair of the Delaware chapter of the American Constitution Society.

He lives in Wilmington with his wife Nancy. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.

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Mary Catherine Roper

Mary Catherine Roper is Of Counsel with Langer, Grogan & Diver P.C., a Philadelphia boutique litigation firm dedicated to seeking social and economic justice for consumers and small businesses. The firm's expertise is in class actions and other complex litigation, focused in the areas of antitrust, consumer protection, and intellectual property. Mary Catherine joined the firm from the ACLU of Pennsylvania, where she served as Deputy Legal Director. At the ACLU, Mary Catherine led an active docket of state and federal court cases spanning a broad range of civil liberties issues, including freedom of speech, criminal justice reform, government transparency, racial and ethnic justice, LGBTQ+ equality, and immigrant rights. Mary Catherine is widely recognized as a preeminent litigation strategist, trial lawyer, and appellate advocate.

Before joining the ACLU, Mary Catherine was a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP (now Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP), where she had a diversified complex litigation practice with extensive experience in class actions, consumer protection, corporate governance, defamation and commercial litigation. Mary Catherine represented individual and corporate clients from a wide range of industries, appearing in state and federal courts across the country, as well as in mass tort and federal court multidistrict proceedings.

Prior to joining Drinker Biddle & Reath, Mary Catherine clerked for the Honorable Anita B. Brody of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and served a year with

the Disabilities Law Project as the first recipient of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Public Interest Fellowship.

Mary Catherine graduated, cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1993. She earned her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College in 1987. Mary Catherine grew up in Southern California, but now considers herself a Philadelphian and a Phillies fan.

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Randal Sheehan

Randy Shaheen is a partner in BakerHostetler LLP's Washington DC office and is the leader of the Digital Assets and Data Management Group in that office. He is passionate about advertising and marketing law. His pledge to clients is to respond to their needs in a timely fashion, be a good steward of the client's resources, communicate in a way that is clear and concise and work diligently to achieve the best possible outcome.

With more than 30 years of experience, Randy has been fortunate to represent many of the leading consumer goods companies with respect to counseling and before the FTC, state attorneys general, CFPB and NAD. He has also been involved in a number of groundbreaking matters, including several precedent-setting FTC safe harbor provisions, the first NAD case involving CBD and one of the earliest challenges to the constitutionality of the CFPB. Clients have great respect for his practical and thoughtful counsel and will come to him with some of their most difficult issues. He prides himself on being a thought leader, having published widely-read journal articles on topics such as Made in USA, green and pricing claims, as well as on regulators' recent focus on "Dark Patterns." He has also been a leader in ensuring that clients stay up-to-date with developments in the advertising and marketing space. He helped start the first ever advertising law blog as well as the first law firm-hosted, day-long advertising CLE program.

Randy has worked on a number of significant pro bono matters including successful challenges to the military's policy that required women to wear abayas when stationed in Saudi Arabia, a local zoning ordinance that prohibited home synagogues, and application of RICO to abortion clinic protestors as well as a challenge to a school's restrictions regarding student led graduation speeches.

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Sue Ghosh Stricklett

Sue Ghosh Stricklett serves as Legal Counsel to the American Hindu Coalition, a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy group based in Washington, DC. She started her law career in telecommunications regulatory law. But for the last twenty years, she has practiced international trade and national security law -- transactional, regulatory, and corporate advisory services. She is well-known for her significant expertise in software licensing, technology transfer, dual use/defense technology export control, CFIUS compliance, sanctions law, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance, data privacy laws enforcement, and risk mitigation. She represents

defense contractors, technology start-ups, nonprofit advocacy organizations, and political campaigns.

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Nelson Tebbe

Nelson Tebbe is the Jane M.G. Foster Professor of Law at Cornell Law School. Professor Tebbe works on freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and general constitutional law.

Tebbe is the author of *Religious Freedom In An Egalitarian Age* (Harvard University Press, 2017). There, he examines the contemporary conflict between free exercise and equality law, and he argues for a way forward that vigorously protects civil rights while safeguarding the ability of religious traditionalists to dissent. His articles have appeared in *Columbia Law Review*, *Cornell Law Review*, *Georgetown Law Journal*, *Harvard Law Review*, *Journal of Religion*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Supreme Court Review*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Virginia Law Review*, and many others. As a media commentator, he has published opinion pieces in outlets such as *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *Scotusblog*, *Slate*, and *the Washington Post*.

Tebbe is co-organizer of the Annual Law and Religion Roundtable and a member of the executive committee of the AALS Section on Law and Religion. He sits on the Board of Faculty Editors for the book series *Corpus Juris: The Humanities in Politics and Law*, published by Cornell University Press.

Before teaching, Tebbe clerked for Judge John M. Walker Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and practiced law at the American Civil Liberties Union and at Davis Polk & Wardwell. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. A graduate of Yale Law School and Brown University, Professor Tebbe also holds a Ph.D. with distinction in the anthropology and sociology of religion from the University of Chicago.