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Profile

Delaney assists institutions of higher education with a wide variety of corporate and tax matters in furtherance of their charitable and educational missions.

Delaney has experience assisting colleges and universities regarding compliance with the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, including preparing formation documents for affiliated and subsidiary entities, advising on bylaws best practices, and drafting conflict of interest, whistleblower and investment policies. In addition, she advises New York higher education institutions on business and tax considerations with respect to hiring telecommuting employees across the nation.

She also counsels colleges and universities when working with philanthropic donors. Specifically, she assists institutions in designing scholarship programs in compliance with state and federal laws, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as well as with drafting charitable gift agreements. Her experience working closely with advancement offices has been instrumental in informing her representation of clients before the New York State Office of the Attorney General and New York States Courts when requesting *cy pres* relief for modifications of donor restrictions on the purposes, management or investment of institutional funds.

Honors & Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- Albany County Bar Association
- Capital District Women's Bar Association, Women in Law Section
- Justinian Honorary Law Society
- Capital District Women's Bar Association "Sweet Success" Event Honoree, 2020
- Cameron-Danaher Prize Recipient, 2019
- John B. Lurie Memorial Prize Recipient, 2019
- Kate Stoneman Student Award Recipient, 2019
- Domenick L. Gabrielli Prize Recipient, 2019
- Thomson Reuters Award Recipient, 2019
- Siegel Scholarship Recipient, 2019

Education

- Albany Law School (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2019)
- Siena College (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2015)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York (2020)

Practices

- Business and Transactions
- Exempt Organizations
- Long Term Care
- Higher Education

- Albany Law Review Editorial Board, Executive Editor for Notes and Comments, 2018–2019
- Student Service Award Recipient, 2018
- American Bar Association Client Counseling Regional Competition, Finalist, 2018
- Domenik L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Moore Court Competition, Finalist, 2017
- Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling Competition, Finalist, 2017
- Dean Thomas Sponslor Honors Teaching Fellow, Federal Civil Procedure, 2017

Representative Publications

- Co-Author, "10 Lessons From 10 Years of Nonprofit Whistleblower Policies," *New York Law Journal*, February 3, 2025.
- Contributor, "Not-for-Profit Report: Economic Relief During COVID-19," *Saratoga Business Journal*, December 14, 2020
- Fanning the Flames: Gaslighting as a Tactic of Psychological Abuse and Criminal Prosecution, 83 Alb. L. Rev. 313, 2020

Representative Presentations

- ALA Masters Series: Legal/HR Matters Impacting Associations, Empire State Society of Association Executives, March 12, 2021