

## KATYA S. CRONIN

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### RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Health law & policy, food & agricultural law & policy, legislation and regulation, administrative law, environmental law, legal pedagogy, professional identity formation, legal research & writing, law student and lawyer well-being, positive psychology & the law.

### PUBLICATIONS

- *Whose Burden Is It Anyway? A Comprehensive Proposal to Reshape Food Safety Review by Treating Food As Medicine*, 51 AM. J. OF LAW & MEDICINE (forthcoming Jan. 2026)
- *A One Health Approach to Healthy Food*, 91 BROOKLYN L. REV. (forthcoming Fall 2025)
- *Conviction, Character, Courage: The Case for Integrating Values into the Professional Identity Formation of Tomorrow's Lawyer-Leaders*, J. OF LEG. EDUC. (forthcoming Fall 2025)
- *Bystanders to a Public Health Crisis: The Failures of the U.S. Multi-Agency Regulatory Approach to Food Safety in the Face of Persistent Organic Pollutants*, 49 COLUM. J. ENV'T L. 291 (2024)
- *Value-Centered Lawyering: Reshaping the Law School Curriculum to Promote Well-Being, Quality Client Representation, and a Thriving Legal Field*, 101 U. DET. L. REV. 257 (2024)
- *To Be Well Or Do Well—That Is the Question But Should It Be?*, 36 THE SECOND DRAFT (2024) (peer-reviewed)
- *The Intentional Pursuit of Purpose: Nurturing Students' Authentic Motivation for Practicing Law*, 28 LEGAL WRITING 105 (2024) (peer-reviewed)
- *Would You Like PFAS with That? The Poison Experts Are Allowing into Your Food Every Day*, THE MESSENGER (Aug. 18, 2023)
- *FDA-Approved: How PFAS-Laden Food Contact Materials Are Poisoning Consumers and What to Do about It*, 6 BUS. ENT. & TAX L. REV. 117 (2022)
- *Client Alert: Coronavirus Impact and Contract Performance: Understanding Options* (March 17, 2020)
- *The Last Nail in the Coffin of Stream-of-Commerce Personal Jurisdiction*, DEFENSE RESEARCH INST.'S FOR THE DEFENSE (January 2018)
- *Giving Mothers a Fair Chance: The New Frontier for Women's Rights in the Workplace*, CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR JOURNAL (April 2016)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter, Health Law Professors Conference, Boston University School of Law (June 2025)

- *Unequal Burdens: How the Food as Medicine Movement Exposes Critical Gaps in FDA's Safety Review*

Co-Presenter, Global Legal Skills Conference, Masaryk University Faculty of Law (May 2025)

- *Shifting Perspectives: Students as Decision-Makers*

Invited Speaker, Law and Biomedical Sciences Colloquium, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law (Feb. 2025)

- *Deficiencies in Food Regulation*

Invited Discussant, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Jan. 2025)

- AALS Agricultural & Food Law Panel: *Courage in an Uncertain Era: Advocating to Transform the Food System*

Presenter, AALS Environmental Law, Natural Resources & Energy Law Works-in-Progress Session, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Jan. 2025)

- *A One-Health Approach to Healthy Food*

Presenter, The Academy of Food Law and Policy, Chicago, IL (Nov. 2024)

- *A One-Health Approach to Healthy Food*

Invited Discussant, 2024 Food and Drug Law Journal Symposium, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 2024):

- *Remarks on "Defective by Design" and the FDA Defect Action Levels*

Invited Speaker, Students for One Health Event, George Washington University (Nov. 2024)

- *A One-Health Approach to Healthy Food*

Invited Speaker, GW Institute for Food Safety and Nutrition Security (Oct. 2024)

- *A One-Health Approach to Healthy Food*

Presenter, LWI Biennial Conference: The Best is Yet to Come, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (July 2024)

- *Teach Them to Teach Themselves: Preparing Our Students for the Modern Practice of Law*

Presenter, Agricultural Pesticides vs. Food Sustainability Conference, Queen's University Belfast School of Law (July 2024)

- *Forever Pesticides: An International Failure to Regulate the Spread of PFAS in Food*

Presenter, Health Law Professors Conference, Temple University Baylor School of Law (June 2024)

- *A Self-Reinforcing Health Cycle: Redefining the Relationship between Healthy Food, Healthy People, and a Healthy Environment*

Invited Speaker, World Food Safety Day Event, GW Milken Institute School of Public Health (June 2024)

- *Breakfast with a Side of PFAS*

Presenter, Food Law Academic Network Annual Conference: Legal Issues for a Sustainable Agrifood Chain, University of Bari Aldo Moro (May 2024)

- *Ask Not What Food Production Has Done to Our Environment, But What Our Environment Can Do to Our Food: The Case for Environmental Conservation Through the Lens of Food Safety, Supply, and Sustainability*

Invited Speaker, Law School 101: An Exploration of Legal Pedagogy Symposium, University of Detroit Mercy (Mar. 2024)

- *Put on Your Own Oxygen Mask First: The Importance of Value-Centered Lawyering in Promoting Well-Being, Quality Client Representation, and a Thriving Legal Field*

Presenter, The Academy of Food Law and Policy (Feb. 2024)

- *Bystanders to a Public Health Crisis: The Failures of the U.S. Multi-Agency Regulatory Approach to Food Safety in the Face of Persistent Organic Pollutants*

Presenter, AALS Environmental Law, Natural Resources & Energy Law, Agriculture & Food Law, and Animal Law Works-in-Progress Session, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 2024)

- *Bystanders to a National Health Catastrophe: The Failures of the U.S. Multi-Agency Regulatory Approach to Food Safety in the Face of Novel Persistent Organic Pollutants*

Invited Discussant, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 2024)

- *AALS Discussion Group: Understanding Professional Identity Formation and Integrating Professional Identity Formation into the Required Curriculum*

Invited Panel Speaker, Annual Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference, University of Maryland Law School (Nov. 2023)

- *What Is Going on with PFAS Liability?*

Presenter, New England Legal Writing Conference, Suffolk University Law School (Nov. 2023)

- *Memo to Self: Nurturing Well-Being Through Predictive Self-Analysis*

Guest Lecturer, Finnish Organic Research Institute, co-hosted by the University of Helsinki's Sustainable Food Program (Oct. 2023)

- *Organic Food Meets Organic Pollutants: The Legal, Economic, and Practical Implications of PFAS-Contaminated Sustainable Food*

Invited Inaugural Speaker, Food Law Academics Network Research Seminar Series, The Netherlands (July 2023)

- *Healthy with a Pinch of PFAS: The Role of Forever Chemicals in Degrading Sustainable Food*

Plenary Speaker, LWI One-Day Workshops, Arizona State University (Dec. 2022)

- *Teaching the Value of Values*

Invited Speaker, LWI Biennial Conference, Washington, DC (July 2022)

- *The Intentional Pursuit of Purpose: Teaching Law Students Both How and Why They Should Practice Law*

Presenter, AWLD Teaching Innovation Workshop, Washington, DC (July 2022)

- *Self-Advocacy in the Legal Writing Classroom*

Invited Speaker, *The Future of Food Symposium*, University of Missouri Law School (Mar. 2022)

- *FDA-Approved: How PFAS-Laden Food Contact Materials Are Poisoning Consumers and What to Do about It*

Invited Speaker, U.S. Supreme Court Round-Up, 2016 In-House Counsel Summit, Cleveland, Ohio (October 2016)

## **EDUCATION**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL**, Ann Arbor, MI

J.D. *magna cum laude*, May 2010      Rank: 6<sup>th</sup> out of 377 students

- Member, Order of the Coif and *Phi Kappa Phi*
- Book Award (top student in the class) in Contracts and Immigration Law
- Quarterfinalist, Campbell Moot Court Competition, 2008-2009
- Judge, Campbell Moot Court Competition, 2010-2011
- Jon Henry Kouba Prize for best student note on European Integration and International Peace and Security, 2010

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY and THE FUND FOR AMERICAN STUDIES**

Graduate-level studies at the International Institute for Political and Economic Studies, Greece, Summer 2007

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BULGARIA**, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

B.A. *summa cum laude*, May 2007      Majors: European Studies (with honors); Accounting  
Minor: Political Science

- Honors Thesis: The European Commission and Rhetorical Action: The Narrative of Enlargement
- Debate Club Founder, President, Financial Officer, and Coach
- Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Award, London 2005
- First place, International Debate Association Tournament “The People Speak,” Beijing 2006

## **EXPERIENCE**

**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**, Washington, D.C.

*Associate Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering Program*

July 2022 – present

*Visiting Associate Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering Program*

July 2021 – June 2022

- Teach two sections of Fundamentals of Lawyering—a six-credit, year-long required course that trains first-year law students to serve clients by developing essential skills in legal research and writing, client relations, problem-solving, appellate writing, oral argumentation, and professional identity formation.
- Supervise and mentor a team of upper-class students (“Dean’s Fellows”) who assist in the administration of the Fundamentals of Lawyering program.
- Serve as a faculty advisor for the GW Law Inns of Court program and help students as they acclimate to law school and begin building their legal careers.
- Develop content for the program-wide capstone persuasive writing assignments as part of the Spring Curriculum Development Committee.

*Core Faculty, The Institute for Food Safety and Nutrition Security*  
*Affiliate Associate Professor, Global Food Institute*

July 2024 – present  
 March 2024 – present

- Develop food law-related curriculum and research proposals.
- Cooperate with faculty from other disciplines on food safety and nutrition security projects.
- Provide comments and write op-eds for mainstream publications on topics related to food law, food safety, and nutrition security.

*Professorial Lecturer in Law*

Sept. 2020 – May 2021

- Taught *Scholarly Writing* to 2L members of the Public Contract Law Journal.
- Provided individualized guidance and feedback to students during the Note-drafting process.

**TUCKER ELLIS LLP**, Cleveland, OH, *Counsel*

April 2015 – Jan. 2021

- Lead Tucker Ellis counsel for the University of Texas at Austin before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Fisher II v. University of Texas*. Drafted briefs before the Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit and assisted in oral argument preparation as part of a multi-firm appellate team.
- Drafted petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court in *De Facto Parents v. Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, et al.*
- Drafted dozens of pleadings and briefs in federal and state courts, including complaints, answers, motions to dismiss, discovery requests, discovery motions, motions in limine, motions for summary judgment, pre-trial motions, mediation statements, trial briefs, motions for directed verdict, jury instructions, post-trial motions, settlement agreements, and appellate briefs.
- Litigated cases on a variety of topics, including complex commercial matters, intellectual property, financial services, government contracts, alternative dispute resolutions, medical and pharmaceutical liability, class action lawsuits, commercial asset recovery and protection, environmental law, and other substantive areas.
- Conducted and defended numerous depositions and litigated cases in court.
- Participated in settlement negotiations.
- Advised educational institutions, state governments, corporate entities, and individual clients on a variety of legal issues.
- Volunteered as a moot court judge and coach for competitions held at Michigan Law School, Case Western Reserve Law School, and Cleveland high schools.

- Drafted briefs (often as the sole associate) to the U.S. Supreme Court in:
  - *Fisher v. University of Texas*—Our team represented UT throughout the Supreme Court proceedings and on remand, successfully defending the school’s admission policy on equal protection grounds. In addition to research and drafting, my role involved liaising with UT’s in-house counsel and conducting numerous interviews of admissions officers, the school’s president, diversity counselors, and others. I also helped prepare lead counsel for oral arguments, conducted moot oral arguments in-house and at Georgetown Law, and mooted the Solicitor General for his amicus oral argument. I was additionally responsible for strategically coordinating our amici responses, which involved over 70 different briefs and over 100 parties, including many states, educational institutions, government officials, public interest groups, and private parties.
  - *PPL v. Montana*—Our team represented the State of Montana in a dispute over Montana’s ownership of certain water ways flowing through its territory. In preparation for drafting the brief, I had to research British common law and antiquated doctrines arising only in original jurisdiction cases, early American legislative history, and journals from the Lewis and Clark expedition. I also had to review dozens of historical documents, many of which were available only in their original form at the Library of Congress and the National Archives. I traveled to Montana to personally examine the rivers, met with Army Corp of Engineers experts, had numerous discussions with the Montana Attorney General and then-Solicitor General (presently the state’s Governor), and liaised with state and federal entities and public interest groups.
  - *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*—A pro bono case challenging the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act to a child with minimal biological and no cultural ties to an Indian tribe who (at the birth mother’s request) was adopted at birth and lived for the first four years of her life with her adoptive family. Our team represented the birth mother as an amicus in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, drafting a brief in support of the petition for certiorari and, subsequently, in support of the briefs filed by the adoptive couple. Following the successful resolution of the case for our client in front of the Supreme Court, we extended our pro bono representation to help the adoptive couple recover custody of the child in state court. Our representation involved drafting numerous briefs and emergency motions in front of South Carolina, Oklahoma, and tribal/CFR courts. Beyond research, drafting, and oral argument preparation, the case necessitated varied and fast-paced motions practice, meetings with federal government officials, liaising with multiple public interest organizations, frequent media responses, and multilateral mediation negotiations.
  - *Larson v. U.S.*—Represented an individual client in a criminal tax fraud case, raising issues of first impression related to the required degree of *mens rea* for criminal tax prosecution.
  - *Renda v. U.S.*—A dispute over the interpretation of one of our nation’s oldest foundational laws, the Priority Statute. Our team drafted a petition for certiorari and reply, both of which required extensive legislative research into documents dating back as far as 1797.
  - *Perez v. Stephens*—Represented the Constitution Project as an amicus in a case interpreting the effect of attorney abandonment in federal habeas proceedings.
  - *Alaska v. Jewell*—Represented the State of Alaska in a dispute with the federal government over fishing and hunting rights along waterways in over half the State.
  - *United States v. Woods*—Represented an individual client in a complex tax liability dispute involving statutory interpretation of the Tax Equality and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 and the meaning of the valuation misstatement penalty.

- *Campbell-Ewald v. Gomez*—A case implicating important questions of federal court jurisdiction and derivative sovereign immunity. I worked on the petition for certiorari and reply. Shortly after I had begun my employment with Tucker Ellis, the Court granted certiorari and proceeded to decide the questions on the merits.
- *Republic of Argentina v. NML Capital*—A case arising directly out of the Argentina debt crisis of 2001. Our team represented a group of European investors who held large allotments of bonds issued by Argentina as part of its debt restructuring efforts. We filed a respondent brief in support of a petition for certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court, challenging the Second Circuit’s issuance of injunctions in violation of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and international comity. The case required in-depth understanding of foreign financial markets, securities, the history of Argentina’s economic crisis, as well as the application of FSIA and the numerous foreign financial and political interests implicated by the crisis.
- Lead attorney in a Torture Victim Protection Act/Alien Tort Statute case brought on behalf of a Somali law professor who was tortured in his home country for his human rights advocacy. Obtained \$15 million in damages.
  - Received the Center for Justice and Accountability *Partner in Justice* Award.
- Drafted over thirty briefs and assisted in oral argument before the U.S. Courts of Appeal on a range of legal issues.
- Drafted pleadings and case dispositive motions, conducted discovery, worked as part of trial teams, and handled trial and post-trial briefing in numerous federal and state cases involving intellectual property rights, healthcare, commercial disputes, white-collar investigations, death penalty cases, adoption cases, and others.
- Supervised Buildable Hours, a national non-profit organization committing law firm resources to housing issues.

**LATHAM & WATKINS LLP**, Washington, D.C., *Summer Associate*                      May 2009 – July 2009

- Researched and drafted portions of an appellate brief in a Second Circuit criminal tax fraud appeal.
- Conducted white-collar investigations on FCPA and other matters, including on-site investigations abroad.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLINICS**, *Student Attorney*                                      Sept. 2008 – May 2009

- Argued in court, drafted briefs, and conducted witness examinations in a five-day state habeas evidentiary hearing as part of a trial team representing Marvin and Deshawn Reed, two clients erroneously convicted of attempted murder. Upon a favorable judgment, the Reeds were released after over seven years in prison.
- Drafted a successful commutation petition on behalf of a mentally challenged non-parolable life prisoner wrongly convicted of murder, whose appeal efforts were stymied by the State DA burning exonerating evidence.
- Screened inmate letters, interviewed potential clients, and helped with logistics as one of a handful of students selected for the inaugural class of the Michigan Innocence Clinic.
- Litigated civil rights suit against the Michigan Department of Corrections.
- Drafted appellate briefs in conjunction with the Michigan State Public Defenders’ Office.

**COHEN & GRESSER LLP**, New York, NY, *Summer Associate*                                      Summer 2008

- Drafted several briefs, including an appellate brief to the New York Supreme Court.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

**State:** Virginia, District of Columbia, Ohio

### **Federal:**

- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

**LANGUAGES**      Bulgarian (native); English (fluent); German and Russian (working knowledge)

**INTERESTS**      Krav Maga, Cooking, Drawing, International Travel, Tango Dancing