

M. ELIZABETH (LIZ) MAGILL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, AUGUST 2026

Dean and Executive Vice President (as of 8/1/26)

Paul Regis Dean Leadership Chair (as of 8/1/26)

Professor of Law (7/1/26)

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 2022-2026

President Emerita

Professor of Law, 2022-2026

Franklin University Professor, 2026

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, 2019-2022

Executive Vice President and Provost, Professor of Law

David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor Emerita of Law, 2022-present

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, 2012-2019

Dean and Richard E. Lang Professor of Law, 2012-2019 (renewed for second, five-year term as Dean in 2016-2017 academic year); emerita (honorary), 2019-present

University Service:

Member, Search Committee for Dean of Stanford School of Humanities and Sciences (2017-2018); Member, Search Committee for Dean of Stanford School of Engineering (2016-2017)

Co-Chair, Provost's Task Force on Sexual Assault (2014-2015) (co-lead task force with president of Stanford student body)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, 1997-2012

Vice Dean, 2009-2012

Joseph Weintraub-Bank of America Distinguished Professor of Law, 2006-2012

Elizabeth D. & Richard A. Merrill Professor, 2011-2012

Horace W. Goldsmith Research Professor, 2007-2010; John V. Ray Research Professor, 2003-2006

Professor of Law, 2002-2012; Associate Professor, 1997-2002

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Professor, 2024-2027

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Professor, Winter 2026 (taught seminar on higher education)

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Bellagio Center Residency, 2026

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Senior Fellow, Center on the Legal Profession, Fall 2024

Roscoe Pound Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2009

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Thomas Jefferson Visiting Fellow at Downing College, Spring 2011

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Fellow, Program in Law and Public Affairs, 2005-2006

THE HONORABLE RUTH BADER GINSBURG, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court Law Clerk, 1996-1997

THE HONORABLE J. HARVIE WILKINSON III, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Law Clerk, 1995-1996

COVINGTON & BURLING, Washington, D.C.
Summer Associate, Summer 1994

U.S. SENATOR KENT CONRAD of North Dakota
Legislative Assistant, 1988-1992

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., May 1995
Articles Development Editor, VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW
Honors: Jackson & Walker Award for Academic Achievement, Margaret G. Hyde Award, Mary Claiborne and Roy H. Ritter Scholarship, Food and Drug Law Institute Scholarship, Order of the Coif, Raven Society

YALE UNIVERSITY, B.A. History, May 1988
Chair, Yale College Council, 1986-1987
Truman Scholar (1985)

PUBLICATIONS

The (Still) Toothless Nondelegation Doctrine and the Trouble with Second-Best Nondelegation Strategies: FCC v. Consumer's Research, 2025 SUPREME COURT REVIEW

Persuading the Unpersuaded, invited chapter in volume on academic freedom (Lee Bollinger & Geof Stone, editors, Oxford University Press) (*forthcoming* 2026)

Foreword, Special Issue: Countering Hate in America, STANFORD JOURNAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES (May 2018)

Comparative Positive Political Theory and Empirics, in COMPARATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (Susan Rose-Ackerman, Peter Lindseth, Blake Emerson, eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing, Ltd. (2d ed, 2016) (with Dan Ortiz)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC LAW SYSTEM: CASES AND MATERIALS, 7TH ED.
West (2014) (with Cuéllar, Mashaw, Merrill, Parrillo, and Shane)

Courts and Regulatory Capture, in PREVENTING CAPTURE: SPECIAL INTEREST INFLUENCE IN REGULATION AND HOW TO LIMIT IT (Daniel Carpenter and David Moss, eds.), Cambridge

University Press (2013)

Allocating Power Within Agencies, 120 YALE. L. J. 1032-1083 (2011) (with Adrian Vermeule)

Comparative Positive Political Theory, in COMPARATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (Susan Rose-Ackerman and Peter Lindseth, eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing, Ltd. (2010) (with Dan Ortiz)

Agency Self-Regulation, 77 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 859-903 (2009)

Standing for the Public: A Lost History, 95 VA. L. REV. 1131-1199 (2009)

Temporary Accidents? 106 MICH. L. REV. 1021-40 (2008) (reviewing Steven P. Croley, REGULATION AND THE PUBLIC INTERESTS, Princeton University Press)

The First Word, 16 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 27-53 (2007)

Can Process Cure Substance?, 116 YALE. L. J. POCKET PART 125 (2006)

Images of Representation, ISSUES IN LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP, THE REFORMATION OF AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, Article 5 (2005)

The Revolution that Wasn't, 99 NW. U. L. REV. 47-76 (2004)

Step Two of Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council, in JUDICIAL AND POLITICAL REVIEW OF AGENCY ACTION (John Duffy and Michael Herz, eds., 2005)

Agency Choice of Policymaking Form, 71 U. CHI. L. REV. 1383-1447 (2004)

Blackletter Statement of Federal Administrative Law, 54 ADMIN. L. REV. 1-83 (2002) (with multiple co-authors)

Judicial Review of Administrative Action, in DEVELOPMENTS IN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND REGULATORY PRACTICE (Jeff Lubbers, ed., 2002) (with Mark Seidenfeld)

Beyond Powers and Branches in Separation of Powers Law, 150 U. PA. L. REV. 603-60 (2001)

The Real Separation in Separation of Powers Law, 86 VA. L. REV. 1127-98 (2000)

Congressional Control Over Agency Rulemaking: The Nutrition Labeling and Education Act's Hammer Provisions, 50 FOOD AND DRUG LAW JOURNAL 149-90 (1995)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

HEALTH, SAFETY, CONSUMERS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT: THE STRUCTURE OF A LEGAL REVOLUTION, 1966-1976

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Panelist, “*Silencing the Academy: Global Patterns of Suppression and the Fight Back*,” invited talk, ATHENS DEMOCRACY FORUM (convened by DEMOCRACY AND CULTURE FOUNDATION in association with the NEW YORK TIMES), September 2025 (Athens, Greece)

Panelist, “*Free Speech, Campus Protest, and the Information Environment*” invited talk to judges and lawyers, BENCH AND BAR CONFERENCE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, September 2025 (Miami, Florida)

“*Is Higher Education Leadership Possible?*” address to higher education leaders and journalists, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES HIGHER EDUCATION FORUM, June 2-5, 2025 (Aspen, Colorado)

“*Book Talk*,” Q&A session to public audience with Scott Bok, author of *SURVIVING WALL STREET: A TALE OF TRIUMPH, TRAGEDY, AND TIMING*, NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 6th, 2025 (New York, New York)

“*Crisis Leadership and the Fact Gap*,” address to higher education executives, AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, February 12, 2025 (Washington, D.C.)

“*Higher Education Leadership and Governance*,” address to law school deans, Plenary Session, Deans’ Forum, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS, Annual Meeting, January 10, 2025 (San Francisco, CA)

“*Institutional Speech and Administrative Challenges*,” public symposium, FIRST AMENDMENT LAW REVIEW, November 15, 2024 (UNC Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina)

“*Irreconcilable Differences and Crisis Leadership*,” STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Faculty Seminar, October 2024 (Stanford, California); CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, Seminar, September 2024 (Ithaca, New York)

“*Draw Down the Lightning*,” public talk, Presidential Inaugural Address, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ([link](#)), October 2022 (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

“*Double Take*,” public talk as university provost, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, November 2019 (Charlottesville, Virginia)

“*Facts are Stubborn Things*,” address to graduates and families as law dean, Charge to the 2017 Graduating Class, STANFORD LAW SCHOOL ([link](#)), June 2017 (Stanford, California)

“*Keynote Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg*,” conversation at global conference on rule of law, WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT ([link](#)), July 2017 (The Hague, Netherlands)

“*What Matters to me and Why*,” public talk as law dean, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS LIFE ([link](#)), Fall 2017 (Stanford, California)

“*The Supreme Court before Marbury v. Madison*,” morning lecture to audience of several thousand, kicking off the theme week on U.S. Supreme Court, CHAUTAQUA INSTITUTION, August 2010 (Chautauqua, New York)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND PUBLIC AND BOARD SERVICE

BRANFORD COLLEGE, YALE UNIVERSITY
Associate Fellow, 2025-2028

ITHAKA (higher education non-profit)
Member, Board of Trustees, 2025-2029

THE CIVICS CENTER (501(c)(3) focused on high school voter registration)
Member, Advisory Board, 2025-2028

CHAIR, SELF-STUDY REVIEW FOR PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER
EDUCATION (2023-2024)

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
Member, Board of Trustees, 2023-present

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR GREATER PHILADELPHIA
Executive Committee, 2022-2023
Board of Directors, 2022-2023

AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE
Elected Member, 2010-present
Adviser, Project on Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct on Campus, 2015-2019
Member, Consultative Group, Principles of the Law, Government Ethics

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, Section on Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice
Associate Reporter, Administrative Procedure Act Project, 2001-2005

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS, Section on Administrative Law, 2006-present
Chair (2011-2012); Executive Committee Member (2006-2011); Member, Dean's Steering
Committee (2016-2019)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE BAR EXAMINERS
Multistate Bar Examination Committee (Member, Constitutional Law Drafting
Committee, 2006-2012)

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY SERVICES, Charlottesville, Virginia
Board Member, 2009-2012

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
Member, Leaders Council, 2016-2019

MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
Member, admitted 1998

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
Member (elected 2026)

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
Bellagio Center Residency (2026)

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Fellow (elected 2016)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
Thomas Jefferson Visiting Fellow at Downing College, Spring 2011

Winner, 2009 RICHARD D. CUDAHY WRITING COMPETITION ON REGULATORY AND
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, given by the American Constitution Society (recognizing
Standing for the Public: A Lost History, 95 VA. L. REV. 1131 (2009))

Recipient, 2005 ANNUAL AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SCHOLARSHIP, given by the
Section on Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, American Bar Association (recognizing
Agency Choice of Policymaking Form, 71 U. CHI. L. REV. 1383 (2004))

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Fellow, Program in Law and Public Affairs, 2005-2006

HARRY S. TRUMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLAR
North Dakota, 1986

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