

# Christopher D. Peloso

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Dedicated attorney backed by multi-state licensure and over eight years of legal expertise spanning from commercial, environmental, and tax litigation to regulatory and legislative counsel. Committed to representing client interests by communicating effectively in a client-first mentality and working diligently to analyze merits, mitigate risk, and achieve favorable resolutions for complex legal matters.

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## EXPERTISE

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| • Client Advocacy                | • Regulatory & Legislative Counsel | • Litigation Strategy & Management |
| • Trial Preparation              | • Commercial & Tax Law             | • Complex Negotiations             |
| • Legal Research & Documentation | • Environmental Law                | • Settlement Agreements            |

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## LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Solo Practitioner

**May 2018-Present**

Engaged in a broad-based solo litigation practice focusing on identifying and responding to the specific needs of individual and corporate clients. Practice mostly focuses on corporate law and civil and criminal litigation; including criminal defense, CINA, family law, and workers' compensation.

### Contributions:

- Conducted numerous trials, and hearings in both civil and criminal law matters.
- Argued three parental termination appeals in the Alaska Supreme Court.
- Advised small-to-medium-sized companies on transactional matters including choice of entity, business formation, development of governing documents (by-laws, regulations, partnership and member agreements), and continuation of business.
- Taught seminars in business formation for the Juneau Small Business Development Center.

### Assistant Attorney General State of Alaska, Department of Law

**July 2011-May 2018**

Provided litigation services and regulatory counsel for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Department of Revenue. Work included litigation in state, federal, and administrative courts, as well as providing advice to agencies and legislators regarding the interpretation and revision of state statutes and regulations.

### Contributions:

- Defended the State of Alaska in administrative hearings related to the grants of Clean Water Act permits.
- Tried a piercing the corporate veil claim for the Department of Revenue in Alaska Superior Court, and successfully defended the appeal in the Alaska Supreme Court.
- Represented the State of Alaska appeals in several federal circuit courts.
- Tried several felony criminal prosecutions for the Juneau District Attorney's Office.
- Provided legal counsel regarding numerous rulemakings related to state and federal environmental regulations.
- Defended the State of Alaska against a U.S. constitutional challenge related to Alaska's marijuana legalization statute in Federal District Court.

- Tried several cases related to State excise taxes in administrative and superior courts, resulting in several million dollars in judgments awarded to the State of Alaska.
- Provided legal counsel to Governor's Office related to Alaska's obligations under federal law.

**Federal Trial Court Judicial Clerk**

**April 2010-July 2011**

**Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission**

- Assisted Administrative Law Judge in the handling of cases arising under the Mine Act.
- Performed substantive and procedural legal research in matters related to administrative law, Federal Rules of Evidence, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Mine Act.

**Law Clerk**

**September 2009-December 2009**

**Department of Justice**

- Assisted Environmental and Natural Resource Division lawyers in preparing trial and appellate cases, and supporting litigation efforts.
- Conducted legal research and drafted motions, discovery requests, and memoranda of law dealing with a variety of federal environmental and natural resource issues.

**Law Clerk**

**June 2009-August 2009**

**Earthjustice**

- Drafted legal memoranda and conducted legal research in environmental and land use topics.
- Analyzed timber, oil, mining, and recreational issues under both Alaska state law and federal environmental laws such as the Clean Air Act.

**Legal Intern**

**January 2009-May 2009**

**Human Rights USA**

- Drafted legal memoranda and conducted legal research related to the rights of detainees and enemy combatants held in U.S. custody.
- Analyzed both domestic and international treaty law related to detainee treatment.

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**EDUCATION**

- **Juris Doctor.**  
Georgetown University, December 2009.
  - Managing Editor, *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*.
- **Master of Science in Environmental Engineering.**  
University of California, Berkeley, May 1995.
- **Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering.**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, May 1992.

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**BAR ADMISSIONS**

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| • California                        | • Federal 6th Cir. Court of Appeals    |
| • Washington, D.C.                  | • Federal Dist. Court, Dist. Alaska    |
| • Alaska                            | • Federal Dist. Court, N. California   |
| • U.S. Supreme Court                | • Federal Dist. Court, Dist. N. Dakota |
| • Federal 9th Cir. Court of Appeals | • Tlingit / Haida Tribal Court         |