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Danika founded Mendrygal Law to build a law firm devoted exclusively to serving nonprofit and tax-exempt clients. Danika guides clients through the complexities of establishing, growing and managing a tax-exempt organization. She provides counsel, advice and representation in taxation, corporate governance and compliance issues. Danika is rooted in the local nonprofit community, both as a volunteer and a speaker. She was recognized by her peers in the legal community as a "Super Lawyer" in the area of Nonprofit Organizations from 2018-2025 (Texas Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication).

Education
J.D., *with honors*, University of Texas at Austin, School of Law, 2003
B.B.A., *cum laude,* University of Miami, 1999

Professional Experience
Mendrygal Law, PLLC (2015-Present)
Haynes and Boone, LLP, Dallas (2003-2015)

Selected Professional, Community and Business Activities
- The Best Lawyers in America® for Nonprofit/Charities Law (2025)
- Inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers for Nonprofit Organizations (2018-2025) and Rising Stars for Nonprofit Organizations (2014-2017)
- Inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers Top Women Attorneys (2019)
- TEGE Exempt Organizations Council, Chair, Board (2018-Present)
- Planning Committee, UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute (2016-Present)
- Planning Committee, State Bar of Texas Governance of Nonprofit Organizations (2020-2022)
- Gulf Coast Area TEGE (Tax Exempt/Government Entities) Council
    - Chair, Joint Council Exempt Organizations Conference (2017)
    - EO Coordinator (2014-2017), Councilmember (2011-2017)
- Dallas Council of Charitable Gift Planners, North Texas Chapter
    - President (2014), Board of Directors (2010-2015)
- MiGi Not-For-Profit Group, Texas Society of CPAs (2008-2020)
- Dallas Bar Nonprofit Study Group (2008-2020)
- Communities Foundation of Texas Advisory Council (2014-Present)
- The Dallas Foundation Advisory Council (2008-2022)
- Uptown Dallas, Inc.
    - Education Subcommittee (2017-2020)
    - Board of Directors and Executive Committee (2011-2014)
    - Governance Chair and Nominating Committee Chair (2012)
- The Pro Bono College, State Bar of Texas (2013-2017, 2022)
- Montessori Children's House and School, Board of Directors (2015-2016); Advisory Board (2019-2022)

Presentations
- "The Changing Landscape of Disaster Relief: Domestic and Foreign Efforts," 2026 UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute
- "So You Want to Set up an Endowment?...Endowment Foundations, Supporting Organizations and Alternatives," 2025 Dallas Chapter of Planned Giving Professionals
- "Use of Restricted Funds and UPMIFA Compliance," 2025 Grantee Training
- "Disaster Relief for Everyone: Utilizing Collaboration," 2025 UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute
- "Governance Bootcamp," 2025 TXCPA Nonprofit Organizations Conference
- "Self-dealing Basics, Rules, and Addressing Violations," 2024 Private Foundation Conference
- "Transitions in Family Philanthropy: Navigating Potholes and Generational Divides in Succession Planning," Philanthropy Southwest 76th Annual Conference (2024)
- "Using Strategic Philanthropic Planning in Client Relationships," NexGen Financial Planning Association (2024)

- "Engaging with Related Parties: The Landscape of Excess Benefit Transactions," 2024 UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute
- "Nonprofit Compliance 101," 2023 Social Innovation Lab Fellows Program – UnitedWay
- "Traps for the Unwary: Nonprofit Governance and Entity Structure," 2023 TXCPA Nonprofit Organizations Conference
- "Navigating Underwater Endowments," 2023 Webinar
- "Keeping Your Organization Safe and Sane in a Volatile Investment Environment," 2022 State Bar of Texas Governance of Nonprofit Organizations
- "So, You Want to Set Up a Charity? .. Legal Structures and Tax Considerations," 2022 TXCPA Summit
- "Endowments from a Legal Perspective: Structure, Rules and Development Considerations," 2022 Dallas Chapter of Planned Giving Professionals
- "Fiscal Sponsorship: Doing it Right for the Right Reasons," 2022 TXCPA Nonprofit Organizations Conference
- "Board Forum; Building Better Board Leaders," 2022 Source America XForce National Conference
- "Master Class | Disaster Relief Funds: An overview of structures, related tax issues and practical considerations," 2022 UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute
- "Disaster Relief Funds: An overview of structures, related tax issues and practical considerations," 2021 UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute
- "The Essential Elements of a Fiduciary's Duties in Managing a Charity's Investment Portfolio and Advanced Considerations during Economically Challenging Times," 2021 UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute
- "Texas State Tax and Regulatory Compliance for Nonprofits," Governance of Nonprofits Organizations, State Bar of Texas, August 2020
- "Tax and Regulatory Compliance for Nonprofits: Legal Perspective," 2020 Nonprofit Organizations Conference (TXCPA), May 2020
- "Fiduciary Duties of Directors," Nonprofit Seminar, October 2019
- "Restricted Gifts and Endowment Funds Webinar," TXCPA, June 2019
- "Compliance 101", It's Lonely at the Top, May 2019
- "Accounting for Endowments: What You Need to Know," BKD Webinar, February 2019
- "Restricted Gifts and Endowments: Documentation and Financial Statement Disclosure," 2019 UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute
- "Nonprofit Compliance 101: Policies & Procedures," 2017 Nonprofit Organizations Conference (Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants)
- "Legal Perspectives on Endowments," Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants – Dallas Chapter MIGI, July 2017
- "Asked and Answered: Nonprofits," Dallas Bar Nonprofit Group, June 2017
- "Nonprofits 101," 2017 UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute
- "Endowment Foundations, Supporting Organizations and Alternatives," N. Texas Chapter, Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, December 2016
- "Update on Legislation and Regulation Affecting Charitable Planning," 2016 National Conference on Philanthropic Planning
- "Endowment Funds: Separating Myth from Reality," 2016 Nonprofit Organizations Conference (Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants)
- "Endowments: Revenue Recognition, Disclosure & Classifications," 2014 Nonprofit Organizations Conference (TSCPA)
- "Navigating the UBIT Waters," Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants – Dallas Chapter MiGi, September 2010
- "A Plain English Guide to FAS 117-1 and TUPMIFA," 2010 TSCPA Nonprofit Organizations Conference