

# Class Profile

The **305 students** in the **Class of 2026** come from **40 states** and the **District of Columbia**, and attended **144 undergraduate institutions**.



ADELINE LEE, of West Windsor-Plainsboro, New Jersey, graduated from Wellesley College and worked as a paralegal with the ACLU before law school. When considering which law school to attend, Lee said, "UVA Law's unique combination of intellect and heart, in addition to its founding history and sterling academic opportunities, were what sealed the deal."

## CLASS OF 2026 FAST FACTS as of Aug. 23, 2023

**171** median LSAT  
**167-172** 25%-75% LSAT  
**3.94** median GPA  
**3.72-3.99** 25%-75% GPA

**305** students enrolled  
from **5,610** applicants  
**20-34** age range  
**53.1%** women

**46.6%** men  
**0.3%** nonbinary,  
transgender or gender-  
nonconforming

**36.1%** people of color\*  
**19%** self-identify as LGBTQ+  
**74%** have postgraduate  
experience

**30%** are first-generation  
professional/graduate school  
**10%** are first-generation  
college students

\*As defined by the American Bar Association.

## STUDENTS COME FROM 40 STATES and the District of Columbia.

Alabama <b>6</b>	D.C. <b>14</b>	Maryland <b>15</b>	North Carolina <b>8</b>	Ohio <b>8</b>	Texas <b>16</b>
California <b>20</b>	Florida <b>18</b>	Massachusetts <b>4</b>	New Jersey <b>8</b>	Pennsylvania <b>10</b>	Utah <b>5</b>
Colorado <b>6</b>	Georgia <b>12</b>	Minnesota <b>5</b>	New York <b>27</b>	Tennessee <b>5</b>	Washington <b>5</b>

The J.D. candidates also include citizens of Canada, China and South Korea.

## UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS represented by four or more first-years:

Boston University <b>4</b>	Emory University <b>4</b>	University of Texas, Austin <b>6</b>	University of Georgia <b>5</b>	University of Richmond <b>4</b>
Brown University <b>5</b>	Georgetown University <b>7</b>	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville <b>5</b>	University of Maryland, College Park <b>11</b>	University of Virginia <b>30</b>
College of William & Mary <b>4</b>	New York University <b>5</b>	University of California, Berkeley <b>5</b>	University of Notre Dame <b>4</b>	Vanderbilt University <b>6</b>
Cornell University <b>5</b>	Ohio State University, Columbus <b>4</b>	University of Chicago <b>4</b>	University of Pennsylvania <b>6</b>	Wake Forest University <b>4</b>
Duke University <b>4</b>	Rice University <b>4</b>			Yale University <b>5</b>

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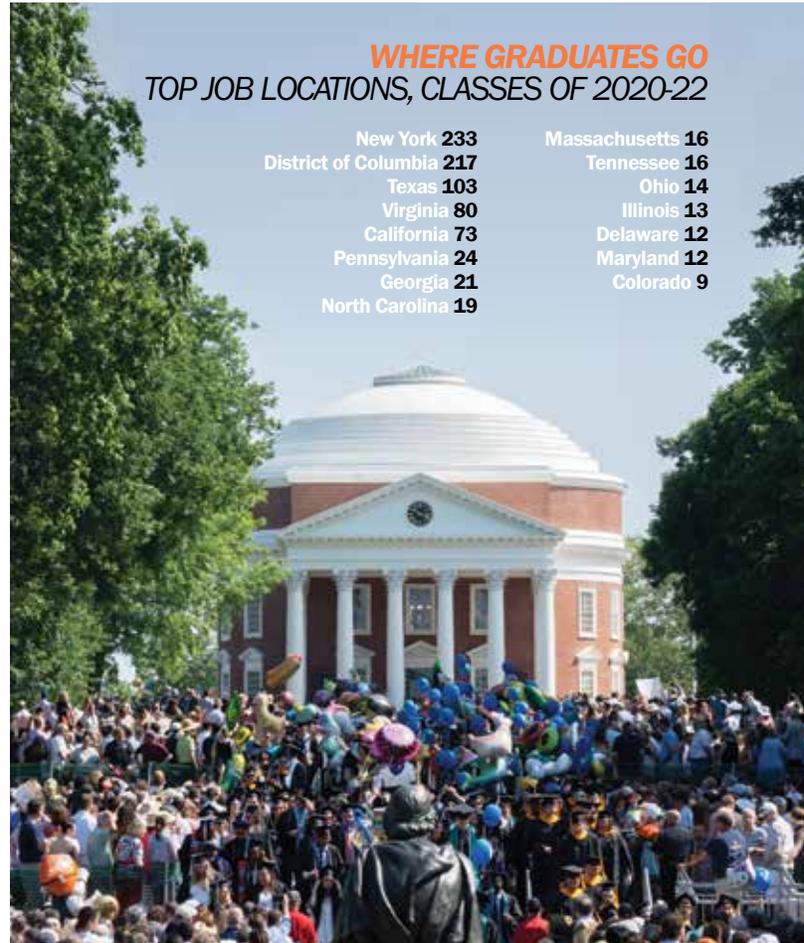


Stuart, Florida, native E. NILE SMITH graduated from Florida A&M University and was an e-commerce business analyst for Nestle Health Science before law school.

"UVA Law is most attractive to me for its wide variety of offerings for students interested in criminal law and consistent success in placing graduates into clerkships," Smith said. "There is no better place for me to get a robust network, a quality legal education and meaningful clinical opportunities."



Cincinnati native ERIC MEINERDING graduated from Liberty University, where he has worked with students for Campus Outreach, a Christian ministry, as associate campus director for four years. "I see UVA as a place to learn in the context of a vibrant, intelligent community, where I'll be able to learn the law with and through my peers and their different experiences and perspectives on the law, as well," he said.



## WHERE GRADUATES GO TOP JOB LOCATIONS, CLASSES OF 2020-22

New York	233	Massachusetts	16
District of Columbia	217	Tennessee	16
Texas	103	Ohio	14
Virginia	80	Illinois	13
California	73	Delaware	12
Pennsylvania	24	Maryland	12
Georgia	21	Colorado	9
North Carolina	19		

# VIRGINIA LAW FAST FACTS

## FOUNDED 1819

## TOTAL J.D. ENROLLMENT\*

911 students  
50.8% women  
48.7% women  
0.4% nonbinary,  
transgender or gender-  
nonconforming  
33.7% people of color, as  
defined by the American  
Bar Association  
\*as of Oct. 5, 2023

## STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO 6.4 TO 1

## DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

in accounting,  
business, economic law,  
English, foreign affairs,

government, history,  
philosophy, public  
health, public policy,  
medicine, and urban and  
environmental planning

## EXTERNAL COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

(with Princeton, Tufts and  
Johns Hopkins) in public  
international law fields

## STUDY ABROAD

Second- and third-year  
students have access to  
11 international  
exchange programs:

### BOCCONI LAW SCHOOL

*Italy*

### BUCERIUS LAW SCHOOL

*Germany*

### HEBREW UNIVERSITY

*Israel*

### INSTITUTO DE EMPRESA

*Spain*

### MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL

*Australia*

### SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

*South Korea*

### TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY LAW

*SCHOOL Israel*

### UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

*New Zealand*

### UNIVERSITY OF PARIS II

*France*

### UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

*Australia*

### WASEDA UNIVERSITY

*Japan*

## GRADUATE STUDIES

Each year about 45  
students, mainly from  
foreign countries, earn

their LL.M. or S.J.D.  
degree at UVA Law.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS 69, plus 10 journals

## ALUMNI

The Law School has  
more than 20,000 alum-  
ni in all 50 states and  
more than 60 foreign  
countries.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Students logged 16,284  
pro bono hours during  
the 2022-23 school year.

## ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Journal of Law &  
Politics  
Virginia Environmental  
Law Journal

Virginia Journal of  
Criminal Law  
Virginia Journal of  
International Law  
Virginia Journal of Law  
& Technology  
Virginia Journal of  
Social Policy & the  
Law  
Virginia Law &  
Business Review  
Virginia Law Review  
Virginia Sports &  
Entertainment Law  
Journal  
Virginia Tax Review

## CLINICS

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## CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

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## CAREER FACTS

**NO. 1** in the percentage  
of Class of 2022  
graduates in full-  
time, long-term jobs  
requiring bar passage,  
according to American  
Bar Association  
data—the gold standard  
for postgraduate  
employment.

**NO. 5** in contributing the  
most clerks to the U.S.  
Supreme Court from  
2007-2023.

**NO. 3** in the number of  
chief legal officers at  
the nation's top 500  
companies, according to  
a survey by Chambers  
Associate.