

# Public Policy and Regulation



**Lawyers working with public institutions must understand the complex relationship between law and public policy to be effective at shaping it.**

**Virginia's public policy and regulatory law focus draws its strength from faculty members who bring to the classroom their experiences working for government or other institutions. These connections benefit students in a variety of ways.**

The Law School's proximity to Washington, D.C., provides rich opportunities for a close-up view of how regulations, policies and the government interact. The location also allows top government lawyers and Washington-based practitioners to teach part-time at Virginia, which exposes students to the concrete issues they may one day face as government officials, practicing

lawyers or policy advocates.

Virginia's alumni connect the school and students to Washington and other public policy networks. The Law School's graduates work for the White House, Congress, the Justice Department, the military and numerous federal agencies. [See bit.ly/uvalwalumni](http://bit.ly/uvalwalumni)



**As part of the State and Local Government Policy Clinic, Kara Hafermalz '23, was among students who helped state lawmakers develop the Virginia Literacy Act—bipartisan legislation to ground literacy instruction in science-based reading research.**

**The legislation passed the General Assembly unanimously and was recently signed into law by Gov. Glenn Youngkin.**

► Professor Saikrishna B. Prakash testified before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee about presidential power and questions raised by the Mueller report, which was led by Special Counsel Robert Mueller '73.

## COURSES AND SEMINARS

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Campaign Finance
- Advanced Topics in Law and Public Service
- Advanced Topics in the First Amendment (Religion Clauses)
- Airline Industry and Aviation Law
- American Food Governance
- Animal Law
- Antitrust
- Antitrust Review of Mergers in a Global Environment
- Balancing Public Safety and Civil Liberties: Law Enforcement Policymaking
- Banking and Financial Institutions
- Bioethics and Law Internship Seminar: Health Policy and Administration
- Bioethics and the Law Seminar
- Border Policy and Politics
- Business and Governmental Tort Liability
- Children and the Law
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Climate Change Law and Policy
- Constitutional Law and Economics
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Cryptocurrency Law and Policy
- Cryptocurrency Regulation
- Death Penalty Law
- Designing Democracy: Participation
- Education Law Survey
- Employment Law: Wage and Hour Regulation
- Energy and Environmental Products Trading and Commodities Regulation
- Energy Regulation and Policy
- Environmental Law
- Exercises in Rule-making—Society, Technology and the Law
- Federal Government Oversight: The Role of the Watchdog
- Federal Income Tax
- Federal Regulation of Investment Companies
- Feminism and the Free Market
- Food and Drug Law
- Gender-Based Violence: U.S. Law and Policy
- Genetics and the Law
- Government Contract Law
- Government Ethics: Conflicts of Interest, Lobbying and Campaign Finance
- Government Secrecy
- Health Care Marketplace: Competition, Regulation and Reform
- Housing Law and Poverty Seminar
- Identity, Law and Politics Seminar
- Immigration Law
- Innovating for Defense
- International Law of Migration and Refugees
- International Trade Law and Policy
- Internet Law
- Land Use Law
- Law and Artificial Intelligence
- Law and Economics
- Law and Economics Colloquium
- Law and Public Service
- Law and Riots
- Law of Corruption
- Law of Place and Place of Law
- Law of the Police
- Law, Inequality and Education Reform
- Law, Social Work, and Social Justice in Practice and Theory
- Legislation
- Legislation and Regulation
- Legislative Drafting and Public Policy
- Litigation Skills and Professional Liability Law
- Management of BigLaw Firms: Balancing Culture and Profits
- Medicalization and the Law
- Medicare Practice Seminar
- Monetary Constitution Seminar
- Native American Law
- Natural Resources Law and Policy

- New Frontiers in Health Law and Clinical Ethics
- Parental Choice in K-12 Education
- Poverty in Law, Literature and Culture
- Poverty Law, Advocacy and Policy
- Presidential Powers
- Privacy
- Privacy Law and Theory Seminar
- Public Interest Law and Advocacy Skills
- Public Utility Regulation Seminar
- Quantitative Methods
- Race, Education and Opportunity
- Regulation of the Political Process
- Regulatory Law and Policy
- Reproductive Ethics and Law
- Rules
- Sanctions and Boycotts
- Securities Regulation
- Securities Regulation (Law & Business)
- Taboo Trades
- The Business of Banking and Prudential Regulation
- Theory/Practice of Biodiversity Conservation
- Title IX: The Law and Policy of Sex Discrimination in Education
- Transactional Approach to Mergers and Acquisitions
- Understanding Police Use of Force: Investigation and Litigation Concepts
- Urban Law and Policy

## CLINICS

- Community Solutions Clinic
- Economic and Consumer Justice Clinic
- Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Housing Litigation Clinic
- Nonprofit Clinic
- State and Local Government Policy Clinic

These courses represent the 2020-23 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.

## A **PARTNERSHIP** to help rural communities

**Antonella Nicholas '23 co-authored a paper with Professor Andrew Block identifying the systemic causes behind some of the problems facing rural Virginia.**

As part of Block's State and Local Government Policy Clinic last year, Nicholas worked with clinic client Del. Carrie Coyner to increase funding for a health department in the westernmost regions of the state.

"That experience opened my eyes to some of the challenges rural counties face," Nicholas said. "Living in a rural area makes everything harder on almost every level—less access to broadband, geographic isolation, rural residents are on average lower-income, they have less education, and their economy has been decimated for several reasons. So I was thinking about those questions last year, and Andy asked me if I'd be interested in being his research assistant this year working on these issues for a paper he was asked to write."

The two presented their paper, "Those Who Need the Most, Get the Least," at the University of Richmond Law Review symposium "Overlooked America: Addressing Legal Issues Facing Rural United States."



► Professor Bertrall Ross leads a student lab that is exploring the use of vouchers and other incentive systems to increase outreach to low-income voters. The lab, Designing Democracy: Participation, is sponsored by UVA Law's Karsh Center for Law and Democracy, which Ross co-directs.

► The author of "Wasting a Crisis," Professor Paul G. Mahoney has weighed in on fixing problems associated with Dodd-Frank legislation and the rush to regulate following financial crises.

► Before turning to academia, Professor Ashley S. Deeks served as the assistant legal adviser for political-military affairs in the U.S. State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser and as an embassy legal adviser at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.



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## **J.D.-M.P.P.** **PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM**

The Law School offers a dual-degree program with the University of Virginia **Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy**, in which a student may obtain both a J.D. and a Master of Public Policy degree (M.P.P.) in four years instead of five. Students who have been admitted to the program may elect to start in the Law School or the Batten School.

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