

Many professors are **U.S. Supreme Court experts or former SCOTUS clerks**, and several have argued before the court, including six resident faculty members since 2010.

In its most recent term, the justices cited UVA Law professors 18 times.

► Dean Risa Goluboff recently testified in her personal capacity at Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. Goluboff has known Jackson personally and professionally since 1998.

# Constitutional Law

With more than 30 faculty members who are experts in constitutional law: Virginia offers an unparalleled variety of lecture courses, seminars and clinics in the field.

**COURSES** cover topics such as the First Amendment, administrative law, presidential power, federal courts, police and the law, election law, civil rights, separation of powers, race and the law, and more.



► Rachel Bayefsky, who writes about constitutional law, federal courts, civil procedure and legal theory, explores dignity in the legal process.

► Michael D. Gilbert teaches and writes about election law, legislation, and law and economics, as well as misinformation and corruption.

► Deborah Hellman focuses on equal protection and its philosophical justification, and the relationship between money and legal rights.

► Leslie Kendrick is an expert on freedom of expression who teaches courses in torts, property and constitutional law.



► David S. Law's expertise is in the comparative study of public law and courts; he is a pioneer in the application of empirical social science methods to the study of legal texts.

► Caleb E. Nelson teaches civil procedure, federal courts and statutory interpretation, and is the author of a casebook on legislation.

► Daniel R. Ortiz, a constitutional law and elections expert, has argued seven cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

► A frequent commentator on the Supreme Court, Richard M. Re's work focuses on criminal procedure, federal courts and constitutional law.



► Bertrall Ross is focused on democratic responsiveness and accountability, as well as the inclusion of marginalized communities in administrative and political processes.

► Frederick Schauer is one of the nation's leading legal scholars and the author of numerous books on constitutional law, free speech and legal theory.

► Micah J. Schwartzman's work focuses on law and religion, jurisprudence, political philosophy and constitutional law.

► Lawrence B. Solum is an internationally recognized legal theorist who works in constitutional theory, procedure and the philosophy of law.



► Payvand Ahdout focuses on modern uses of judicial power through the lens of federal courts, and recently won the Yale Law Journal's inaugural Emerging Scholar of the Year Award.



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► Professor Aditya Bamzai made his debut at the U.S. Supreme Court after a rare decision by the justices to hear argument from him as an independent amicus curiae.

RELATED CENTERS

Several centers at the Law School connect to topics relating to legal and constitutional history, and also serve as hubs for faculty scholarship and intellectual life for their respective fields.

- **The Karsh Center for Law and Democracy** promotes civil discourse, civil engagement, ethics and integrity in public office, and respect for the rule of law.
- **The Center for the First Amendment** includes renowned scholars of the religion clauses and the speech and press clauses of the First Amendment.
- **The Center for Criminal Justice** explores paths for reform via faculty efforts and features robust clinical and curricular opportunities.
- **The Center for the Study of Race and Law** helps students fully understand the American legal landscape by promoting events and scholarship exploring the impact of race.

CLINICS

Several yearlong clinical courses offer students hands-on experience litigating constitutional questions.

- **Appellate Litigation Clinic** students appeal actual cases in various state and federal appellate courts.
- **Civil Rights Clinic** students provide legal support to people and communities harmed by the criminalization of poverty and other forms of discrimination or deprivation of rights.
- **First Amendment Clinic** gives students practical legal experience involving timely free-speech and press issues.
- **Supreme Court Litigation Clinic** students handle actual cases, from petitioning for Supreme Court review to briefing on the merits.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Administrative Law	Balancing Public Safety and Civil Liberties: Law Enforcement Policymaking	Comparative Gender Equality	Constitutional Originalism	Death Penalty Law	Federalism	Legislation and Regulation	Regulation of the Political Process	October Term
Advanced Administrative Law	Business and Governmental Tort Liability	Constitutional Law and Economics	Constitutionalism: History and Jurisprudence	Eminent Domain, Expropriation and Emergency Action	Introduction to American Law for LL.M.s	Monetary Constitution Seminar	Reproductive Rights and Justice	The Institutional Supreme Court
Advanced Campaign Finance Seminar	Civil Rights and Antidiscrimination Law	Constitutional Law II: Freedom of Speech and Press	Constitutionalism: Nation, Culture and Constitutions	Federal Courts	Land Use Law	Parental Choice in K-12 Education	Separation of Powers in the Federal Courts Seminar	The Mueller Report and the Role of the Special Counsel
Advanced Topics in Law of the Police	Civil Rights Litigation	Constitutional Law II: Poverty	Courts	Federal Sentencing	Law and Inequality Colloquium	Presidential Powers	State Constitutions	Understanding Police Use of Force: Investigation and Litigation Concepts
Advanced Topics in the First Amendment (Religion Clauses)	Civil War and the Constitution	Constitutional Law II: Religious Liberty	Criminal Procedure Survey	Founders and Foes	Law and Riots	Pretrial Litigation Skills: Civil Rights	Supreme Court From Warren to Roberts	Virginia and the Constitution
After Dobbs	Comparative Constitutional Law	Constitutional Law II: Survey of Civil Liberties	Designing Democracy: Participation	Free Speech and the Digital Age	Law of Armed Conflict	Privacy	Supreme Court Justices and the Art of Judging	
Asian Americans and the Law			Discrimination Theory	Higher Education and the Law	Law of Corruption	Race, Education and Opportunity	Supreme Court:	
			Education Law Survey	History of American	Law of the Police I: Rules, Rights and Regulation	Racial Justice and Law		
			Eighth Amendment		Legislation			

CLINICS

- Appellate Litigation Clinic
- Civil Rights Clinic
- First Amendment Clinic
- Project for Informed Reform Clinic
- Supreme Court Litigation Clinic

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