

**LAW STUDENTS AT VIRGINIA**

enjoy an array of clinics and courses that offer a wide range of practical training options.

Virginia's clinics engage students in learning new skills from a variety of situations, from litigation and transactional work to problem-solving and drafting policy. Students also benefit from experiential courses in public speaking, trial advocacy and professional responsibility, as well as extracurricular moot court and mock trial competitions.



# Hands-on Law

► Students in the Decarceration and Community Reentry Clinic and Professor Kelly Orians (center, right) helped Whitmore Merrick Jr., center, who was originally convicted of marijuana possession, get his full civil rights restored.



► Isabelle Foley '24 gives a presentation in the Holistic Youth Defense Clinic.



► Students in the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic act as general counsel for startup companies run by MBA students at the Darden School of Business.

## 24 CLINICS HELP STUDENTS PRACTICE BEING A LAWYER.

### Appellate Litigation

Students brief and argue one or more appeals before a federal appeals court.

### Civil Rights

Students provide relief and legal support to individuals and communities that have been harmed by the criminalization of poverty and other forms of discrimination or deprivation of rights.

### Community Organization and Social Enterprise

Teams of students act as consultants and legal advisers for community organizations.

### Criminal Defense

Students represent defendants in criminal cases in local courts, and develop a working familiarity with grand jury proceedings, indictments, pretrial motions, discovery, plea bargaining, motions and objections, evidentiary issues, sentencing and protecting the record for appeal.

### Decarceration and Community Reentry

Students assist formerly incarcerated people with resolving the collateral consequences of arrests and convictions, and with creating sustainable and effective reforms in their communities.

### Economic and Consumer Justice

Students work with clients who have problems that are covered by various consumer protection laws, mainly those governing debt collection and other debt-related issues.

### Entrepreneurial Law

Students provide legal counseling and draft basic corporate documentation for startup companies.

### Environmental Law and Community Engagement

Students represent and counsel environmental nonprofits, citizens' groups and community organizations seeking to protect

and restore the environment.

### Federal Criminal Sentencing Advocacy

Through a unique opportunity to practice in federal court, students work to reduce the sentences of indigent federal inmates.

### First Amendment

In conjunction with the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, students undertake projects protecting First Amendment rights.

### Health and Disability Law

Students help represent mentally ill and elderly clients in negotiations, administrative hearings and court proceedings.

### Holistic Youth Defense

Students represent juvenile clients on delinquency matters, as well as related school discipline and special education matters.

### Housing Litigation

Students handle eviction cases, rent escrow cases, grievance hearings and other enforcement of residents' rights.

### Immigration Law

Students may work with clients to appeal denied applications for status, special categorization or other procedures.

### Innocence Project

Students investigate potential wrongful convictions of Virginia inmates through interviewing potential clients and witnesses, and searching and reviewing pertinent case files and records.

### International Human Rights Law

Students gain experience in human rights advocacy under the supervision of international human rights lawyers.

### Nonprofit

Students work with local nonprofit organizations on matters such as initial formation, tax-exempt status, ongoing legal compliance and good corporate governance.

### Patent and Licensing

These clinics train students in patent

drafting as well as the negotiation and drafting of patent and software license agreements.

### Project for Informed Reform

Students collaborate with outside organizations to produce research and reliable data supporting criminal justice reform proposals.

### Prosecution

Students undertake a prosecutor's duties, including exercising discretion in the decision to prosecute, interacting with law enforcement, dealing with victims and witnesses, and establishing relationships with defense counsel.

### State and Local Government Policy

Students engage with government agencies and legislators in the development of policies and legislation at the state and local level in Virginia, including educational policy.

### Supreme Court Litigation

Working in teams, students handle actual U.S. Supreme Court cases, from seeking review to briefing on the merits.

### Workplace Rights

Cases may include wrongful-discharge actions, unemployment compensation claims, employment discrimination charges and other claims.

### Youth Advocacy

Students represent children involved in legal issues in the areas of education, foster care and social services, mental health and developmental disabilities, and delinquency.

► State and Local Government Policy Clinic students Tim Dodson '24, Clare Hachten '24, Michael Ferguson '24 and Michael Pruitt '24 stand in the Virginia House of Delegates. Hachten and Ferguson collaborated with lawmakers to pass a mental health reform bill to address overcrowding in the state's mental health facilities, Dodson worked on legislation to create a legal cannabis market, and Pruitt assisted with a bill to reduce the impact of fines and fees on juvenile defendants.

► Williams Mullen partner **Carrie Stanton '11** taught **Introduction to Law and Business** and **Complex Commercial Contract Negotiations** during the 2022-23 school year. The Law School provides learning experiences that stretch beyond the classroom and give students practical experience and insight into the way the law functions.



# Other Practical Training

## **Principles and Practice Program**

Virginia's Principles and Practice Program, a curricular innovation that was the first of its kind in the country, offers courses designed to give students the opportunity to apply legal theory in real-life situations. The program teams law professors with practitioners, judges and other professionals, melding the insights of theory with those of contemporary practice.

## **Trial Advocacy College**

The Trial Advocacy College is an intensive eight-day experience offered annually between the fall and spring terms. Third-year students are enrolled with participants from some of the nation's best litigation units in an intensive practice program with a faculty comprised of some of the best lawyers and judges in the country. This selective program supplements the 12 sections of trial advocacy offered each spring and fall.

## **Short Courses**

A variety of intensive short courses allow students to focus on specific subjects ranging from Islamic Law to the finance of small enterprises. Often taught by practicing lawyers, these courses allow students to spend anywhere from a few days to a few weeks studying real-world problems with top practitioners and scholars in the field.

## **EXPERIENTIAL COURSES**

Advanced Contracts: When Financial Contracts Blow Up

Advanced Legal Research

Advanced Legal Writing: Civic Engagement and Persuasion

Advanced Verbal Persuasion

Appellate Practice

Bioethics and Law Internship Seminar: Health Policy and Administration

Border Policy and Politics

Complex Commercial Contract Negotiations

Conservation Planning and Law

Corporate Strategy

Corporate Transactions – Startup to Exit

Cybersecurity and Privacy Boot Camp

Deals

Defining Leadership Moments

Designing Democracy: Participation

Designing Democracy: Representation

Drug Product Liability Litigation: Principles and Practice

Electronic Discovery

Emerging Markets: Principles and Practice

Estate Planning: Principles and Practice

Federal Criminal Pretrial and Trial Practice

Federal Litigation Practice

Federal Practice and Procedure

Global Contracting: A Case Study

Government Ethics: Conflicts of Interest, Lobbying and Campaign Finance

Hallmarks of Distinguished Advocacy

Human Rights Study Project

Innovating for Defense

Internal Investigations

International Business Negotiation

International Tax Practicum

Introduction to Negotiation

Law and Leadership in the Public Interest

Law of Public-Private Partnerships

Law Reform and Impact Litigation Seminar

Lawyers, Clerks, and Judicial Decision-making

Legal Research and Writing I

Legal Storytelling

Legislative Drafting and Public Policy

Litigation Skills and Professional Liability Law

Mediation Law and Practice

Medicare Practice Seminar

Music Law

Negotiating a Joint Venture in China

Negotiation

Nonprofit Organizations: Principles and Practice

Oral Presentations In and Out of the Courtroom

Persuasion

Pretrial Litigation Skills: Civil Rights

Problem-Solving in the Public Interest

Public Interest Law and Advocacy Skills

Public M&A Negotiation

Public Safety and Civil Liberties - Practical Perspectives on Policing

Real Estate Transactions and Litigation

Regulatory Law and Policy

Securities Litigation and Enforcement

Spanish for Public Service Lawyers

Startup of a Medtech Company

Taking Effective Depositions

Tax Treaties and Other International Tax Topics

The Business of Banking and Prudential Regulation

Topics in Private Company Acquisitions

Transactional Approach to Mergers and Acquisitions

Transactional Law: Drafting, Communication and Negotiation

Trial Advocacy

Trial Advocacy College

Youth Justice Practicum

These courses represent the 2022-25 school years.