

Schools provide a place where children learn and grow, and they are also a place **where social tensions and legal rights converge.**

► Professor Kimberly Jenkins Robinson is one of the nation's leading education law experts on educational equity, school funding, education and democracy, equal opportunity, civil rights, Title IX and federalism. In addition to directing the Education Rights Institute, she also directs the Center for the Study of Race and Law.

Education Law

Within the field of education law, issues related to poverty, race, equity, discrimination, the rights of youth, juvenile justice, due process, freedom of speech and religion, privacy and family law intersect.

As parents and educators strive to offer children access to a high-quality education, laws and lawyers provide essential rules and guidance that can serve as a foundation for—or a hindrance to—a high-quality education.

EDUCATION RIGHTS INSTITUTE

Launched in 2023, the school's Education Rights Institute aims to expand opportunities for U.S. students to enjoy a high-quality education that empowers them to be engaged civic participants who are college- and career-ready. The institute focuses on producing scholarship and

commentary that stimulates and engages public debate about how to advance equal educational opportunity; amplifies research about educational opportunity gaps and their impact, and the role of federal and state laws and programs that can aid in closing those gaps; and helps

school districts expand their capacity to implement existing federal laws that support a high-quality education, particularly Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Professor Kimberly Jenkins Robinson directs the institute.



► Professor Alice Abrokwa previously served as senior counsel in the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education and as a senior attorney at the National Center for Youth Law, where she engaged in impact litigation.

► Professor Andrew Block previously served as director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice and led efforts to safely reduce the population of youth in state-operated juvenile correction centers.

► Professor Joy Milligan studies the intersection of law and inequality, with a particular focus on race-based economic inequality.



► Professor Gerard Robinson's areas of expertise are K-12 and higher education, criminal justice reform, race in American institutions and the role of nonprofit organizations in civil society.

► Professor Katie Ryan, who teaches the State and Local Government Policy Clinic, previously served as staff attorney for the Education Law Clinic at Harvard Law School.

► Professor Crystal Shin, director of the Holistic Youth Defense Clinic, teaches courses on juvenile justice and public service lawyering.

BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

Child Advocacy Research and Education

CARE brings together law students interested in taking a legal approach to issues affecting children, including education, juvenile justice, foster care and immigration. Through partnerships with local and national children's law and advocacy organizations and CARE-generated projects, members assist in the direct

representation of children and strive for broader systemic change through policy research and advocacy.

Local Education Policy Project

This pro bono project, directed by Professor Katie Ryan in partnership with the School of Education and Human Development, provides policy research support for school-level education leaders.

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COURSES AND SEMINARS

- Children and the Law
- Civil Rights and Anti-discrimination Law
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Education Inside U.S. Prisons Seminar
- Education Law Survey
- Law, Inequality and Education Reform
- Parental Choice in K-12 Education
- Race, Education and Opportunity
- School Desegregation, School Integration

CLINICS

- Holistic Youth Defense Clinic
- State and Local Government Policy Clinic
- Youth Advocacy Clinic

These courses represent the 2022-25 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.