

The **Program in Law, Communities and the Environment**, or **PLACE**, supports environmental events and activities at the Law School.

**Environmental challenges** are rarely simple. From climate change to local conservation, the challenges of sustainability and long-term environmental health raise complex scientific, ethical, economic and political questions that defy easy answers.

PLACE at UVA empowers students to confront these questions so they can build the practical skills, analytic tools and hands-on experience needed to effect change as environmental leaders in government, business and the nonprofit sector.

The program combines outstanding legal teaching with opportunities for interdisciplinary study, clinical

experience and scholarly inquiry.

Interacting with faculty who research and shape the law at the local, regional and global levels, students at UVA Law experience environmental law as it is practiced today, and study how it can better meet the next generation of challenges.

Students in the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic, led by Professor Cale Jaffe, recently worked on issues related to clean energy, climate policy and the Atlantic Coast pipeline.



► Professor **Michael A. Livemore** is the co-author of the book "Reviving Rationality: Saving Cost-Benefit Analysis for the Sake of the Environment and Our Health" and leads the podcast "Free Range with Mike Livemore," featuring discussions with experts on environmental issues.

► Professor **Richard C. Schragger** writes on the intersection of constitutional law and local government law, federalism, urban policy, and the constitutional and economic status of cities. He is the author of the book "City Power: Urban Governance in a Global Age."

► Professor **Alison Gocke** has expertise in environmental and energy issues from both the scientific and legal perspectives. She has written on the regulation of the U.S. electricity grid and the history of interstate natural gas pipelines.



**ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW**

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**COURSES AND SEMINARS**

- Climate and Debt
- Climate Change Law
- Climate Law and Climate Ethics
- Conservation Planning and Law
- Contemporary Housing Policy Debates
- Energy and Environmental Products Trading and Commodities Regulation
- Energy Regulation and Policy
- Environmental Law
- Historic Preservation Law
- Housing Law and Poverty Seminar
- International Environmental Law
- Land Use Law
- Law of Public-Private Partnerships
- Monument Litigation
- Natural Resources Law and Policy
- Property, the Police Power and Emergencies
- Public Utility Regulation Seminar
- Rise of ESG in Corporate Law and Governance
- State and Local Government Law
- Theory and Practice of Biodiversity Conservation
- Urban Law and Policy
- Wine and the Law
- CLINICS**
- Advanced Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic
- Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic
- Housing Litigation Clinic

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

**Beyond the Curriculum**

**The Law School's support for learning opportunities in environmental and land use law goes deeper than course offerings.**

**Symposia**

Over the past dozen years, the Law School has sponsored national conferences on growth management, nature conservation, environmental contracting, revitalization of contaminated land, transboundary watershed management and climate change. Law students help plan these conferences, and edit and publish the papers that emerge from them.

**Virginia Environmental Law Journal**

Founded in 1979 and managed and edited by students, the journal is a leader in environmental legal scholarship.

**Virginia Environmental Law Forum**

This popular and active student group hosts speakers and networking events, and sponsors

law students who participate in environmental moot court and negotiation competitions. The forum, in cooperation with the Law School's Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center, also provides pro bono opportunities to students interested in environmental law.

**UNIVERSITY COURSES**

Students may receive Law School credit for related graduate courses offered by other University departments and schools, including classes on topics such as preservation planning, land use policy, ecology, climatology and business-government relations. Students can obtain joint degrees in law and land use planning, business or environmental sciences.

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLINIC**

Students in the clinic represent environmental nonprofits, citizens' groups and other community organizations seeking to protect and restore the environment of Virginia and other parts of the country. The clinic works closely with lawyers at the Southern Environmental Law Center, a preeminent environmental public interest law firm headquartered in Charlottesville.

Students participate in a range of activities on environmental matters. They comment on administrative rules, participate in permitting proceedings, advocate before state administrative agencies and boards, and contribute to factual investigations and litigation.