

CAREER COUNSELORS AND OTHER FACULTY HELP STUDENTS PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER LAW SCHOOL



DAVID C. LOWANCE
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David Lowance leads the Career Development Office and counsels students and alumni on general career choices. In addition to working with the leadership of the offices of Private Practice, Public Interest and Judicial Clerkships on all student placements, Lowance actively counsels within the Office of Private Practice, helping students launch their careers with law firms. Before joining the Law School, Lowance was a partner at the law firm Alston & Bird and then chief legal officer for Insight Global, an industry-leading staffing and professional services company. In his firm practice, Lowance handled a broad range of corporate matters. At Insight Global, he presided over all legal and compliance affairs, along with other corporate functions.

OFFICE OF PRIVATE PRACTICE



LAUREN PARKER
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Lauren Parker works with students and alumni interested in applying to law firm positions, and counsels LL.M. students seeking temporary or permanent employment after graduation. Parker previously was a senior associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe,

where her practice focused on complex commercial and antitrust litigation. Parker also worked with the ACLU of Maryland and with the Legal Counsel for the Elderly representing clients in diverse pro bono matters.



DANIEL JUSTUS
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Daniel Justus counsels students and alumni on a broad array of career choices, with a focus on law firm positions. Prior to joining the Office of Career Development, Justus was an associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Clifford Chance US, where he practiced in the global financial markets group. In law school, he was a Peer Advisor, member of the Lambda Law Alliance, USAI-Szymanski Rule of Law Fellow, and an editorial board member and assistant production editor for the Virginia Tax Review. He is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Mandarin Chinese.



KIRA WALMER
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Kira Walmer counsels students and alumni as they navigate their career paths and pursue law firm positions. After law school, she worked as an associate at Dickstein Shapiro, where she focused on government contracts litigation. Walmer then moved into the field of education, joining the founding team of a public charter school committed

to educational equity and college access for all students. She served in school leadership roles with an emphasis on teacher coaching and curriculum development, and handled talent and recruitment initiatives. During her time at the Law School, she was involved with the Libel Show, Public Interest Law Association and Peer Advisor program.

OFFICE OF JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS



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Ruth Payne advises students and alumni as they navigate the application process for both judicial internships and judicial clerkships. This includes counseling, reviewing cover letters and resumes, conducting mock interviews and running workshops on the clerkship process. Payne was an articles editor on the Virginia Law Review. After law school, she clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III '72 on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and completed a one-year Bristow Fellowship with the U.S. Solicitor General's Office. From 2004-08, she was an honors attorney with the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.



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Kim Gilmer helps prepare students to apply for judicial

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MORTIMER CAPLIN PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER



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Ryan Faulconer leads the school's Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center. He previously was a federal prosecutor for 15 years, focusing on corruption, white-collar fraud and cybercrime. He was hired through the Attorney General's Honors Program into the Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division. He subsequently worked as the public corruption coordinator and an assistant U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, a senior counsel with the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section of DOJ's Criminal Division and as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Western District of Virginia. Before joining DOJ, Faulconer clerked for Judge T.S. Ellis III of the Eastern District of Virginia.



DAWN DAVISON
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Dawn Davison was formerly a senior staff attorney with the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center, where she represented inmates in their state and federal habeas corpus proceedings and clemency applications for more than 13 years. In 2017, she was awarded the Bill Geimer Award by her peers for being a dedicated capital defender. Davison also taught continuing legal education courses to capital practitioners. After law school, Davison clerked for U.S. Judge James P. Jones of the Western District of Virginia.



AMANDA YALE
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Amanda Yale previously worked at Legal Services for Children in New York City, where she defended the rights of indigent disabled children in special education and Social Security disability benefits proceedings. After graduating from law school, she worked as a staff attorney at the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. She then clerked for Judge I. Leo Glasser of the Eastern District of New York.

PRO BONO PROGRAM



KIMBERLY EMERY
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Kimberly Emery has been the Law School's assistant dean for pro bono since 2004 and was a founder and director of the Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center. Emery coordinates and administers pro bono programming for law students, counsels students and graduates regarding pro bono and public interest opportunities, develops and fundraises for new service projects, and oversees the Law School's Pro Bono Challenge. Emery was a board member for the Legal Aid Justice Center for more than 15 years.

EXTERNSHIPS



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Sprightley Ryan counsels students seeking or engaging in externships and teaches a seminar in the UVA Law in DC externship program that helps participants make connections between legal theory and practice. She previously served as inspector general of the Smithsonian Institution, was a trial attorney for the Environmental Crimes Section of the U.S. Department of Justice and served as a special assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.