

Public Policy and Regulation

Lawyers working with public institutions must understand the complex relationship between law and public policy to be effective at shaping it.

Virginia's public policy and regulatory law focus draws its strength from faculty members who bring to the classroom their experiences working for government or other institutions. These connections benefit students in a variety of ways.

The Law School's proximity to Washington, D.C., provides rich opportunities for a close-up view of how regulations, policies and the government interact. The location also allows top government lawyers and Washington-based practitioners to teach part-time at Virginia, which exposes students to the concrete issues they may one day face as government officials, practicing

lawyers or policy advocates.

Virginia's alumni connect the school and students to Washington and other public policy networks. The Law School's graduates work for the White House, Congress, the Justice Department, the military and numerous federal agencies. [See bit.ly/uvalawalumni](http://bit.ly/uvalawalumni)

As part of the State and Local Government Policy Clinic, Kara Hafermalz '23, was among students who helped state lawmakers develop the Virginia Literacy Act—bipartisan legislation to ground literacy instruction in science-based reading research. The legislation passed the General Assembly unanimously and was recently signed into law by Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

► Professor Saikrishna B. Prakash testified before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee about presidential power and questions raised by the Mueller report, which was led by Special Counsel Robert Mueller '73.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Administrative Law
Advanced Campaign Finance
Advanced Topics in Law and Public Service
Advanced Topics in the First Amendment (Religion Clauses)
Airline Industry and Aviation Law
American Food Governance
Animal Law
Antitrust
Antitrust Review of Mergers in a Global Environment
Balancing Public Safety and Civil Liberties: Law Enforcement Policymaking
Banking and Financial Institutions
Bioethics and Law Internship Seminar: Health Policy and Administration
Bioethics and the Law Seminar
Border Policy and Politics
Business and Governmental Tort Liability
Children and the Law
Civil Rights Litigation
Climate Change Law and Policy
Constitutional Law and Economics
Corporate Social Responsibility
Cryptocurrency Law and Policy
Cryptocurrency Regulation
Death Penalty Law
Designing Democracy: Participation
Education Law Survey
Employment Law: Wage and Hour Regulation
Energy and Environmental Products Trading and Commodities Regulation
Energy Regulation and Policy
Environmental Law
Exercises in Rule-making—Society, Technology and the Law
Federal Government Oversight: The Role of the Watchdog
Federal Income Tax
Federal Regulation of Investment Companies
Feminism and the Free Market
Food and Drug Law
Gender-Based Violence: U.S. Law and Policy
Genetics and the Law
Government Contract Law
Government Ethics: Conflicts of Interest, Lobbying and Campaign Finance
Government Secrecy
Health Care Marketplace: Competition, Regulation and Reform
Housing Law and Poverty Seminar
Identity, Law and Politics Seminar
Immigration Law
Innovating for Defense
International Law of Migration and Refugees
International Trade Law and Policy
Internet Law
Land Use Law
Law and Artificial Intelligence
Law and Economics
Law and Economics Colloquium
Law and Public Service
Law and Riots
Law of Corruption
Law of Place and Place of Law
Law of the Police
Law, Inequality and Education Reform
Law, Social Work, and Social Justice in Practice and Theory
Legislation
Legislation and Regulation
Legislative Drafting and Public Policy
Litigation Skills and Professional Liability Law
Management of BigLaw Firms: Balancing Culture and Profits
Medicalization and the Law
Medicare Practice Seminar
Monetary Constitution Seminar
Native American Law
Natural Resources Law and Policy

New Frontiers in Health Law and Clinical Ethics
Parental Choice in K-12 Education
Poverty in Law, Literature and Culture
Poverty Law, Advocacy and Policy
Presidential Powers
Privacy
Privacy Law and Theory Seminar
Public Interest Law and Advocacy Skills
Public Utility Regulation Seminar
Quantitative Methods
Race, Education and Opportunity
Regulation of the Political Process
Regulatory Law and Policy
Reproductive Ethics and Law
Rules
Sanctions and Boycotts
Securities Regulation
Securities Regulation (Law & Business)
Taboo Trades
The Business of Banking and Prudential Regulation
Theory/Practice of Biodiversity Conservation
Title IX: The Law and Policy of Sex Discrimination in Education
Transactional Approach to Mergers and Acquisitions
Understanding Police Use of Force: Investigation and Litigation Concepts
Urban Law and Policy

CLINICS

Community Solutions Clinic
Economic and Consumer Justice Clinic
Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic
Immigration Law Clinic
Housing Litigation Clinic
Nonprofit Clinic
State and Local Government Policy Clinic

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

A **PARTNERSHIP** to help rural communities

Antonella Nicholas '23 co-authored a paper with Professor Andrew Block identifying the systemic causes behind some of the problems facing rural Virginia.

As part of Block's State and Local Government Policy Clinic last year, Nicholas worked with clinic client Del. Carrie Coyner to increase funding for a health department in the westernmost regions of the state.

"That experience opened my eyes to some of the challenges rural counties face," Nicholas said. "Living in a rural area makes everything harder on almost every level—less access to broadband, geographic isolation, rural residents are on average lower-income, they have less education, and their economy has been decimated for several reasons. So I was thinking about those questions last year, and Andy asked me if I'd be interested in being his research assistant this year working on these issues for a paper he was asked to write."

The two presented their paper, "Those Who Need the Most, Get the Least," at the University of Richmond Law Review symposium "Overlooked America: Addressing Legal Issues Facing Rural United States."



» Professor Bertrall Ross leads a student lab that is exploring the use of vouchers and other incentive systems to increase outreach to low-income voters. The lab, Designing Democracy: Participation, is sponsored by UVA Law's Karsh Center for Law and Democracy, which Ross co-directs.



» The author of "Wasting a Crisis," Professor Paul G. Mahoney has weighed in on fixing problems associated with Dodd-Frank legislation and the rush to regulate following financial crises.



» Before turning to academia, Professor Ashley S. Deeks served as the assistant legal adviser for political-military affairs in the U.S. State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser and as an embassy legal adviser at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.



J.D.-M.P.P.
PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM

The Law School offers a dual-degree program with the University of Virginia **Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy**, in which a student may obtain both a J.D. and a Master of Public Policy degree (M.P.P.) in four years instead of five. Students who have been admitted to the program may elect to start in the Law School or the Batten School.

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