

Class Profile

The **305 students** in the **Class of 2026** come from **40 states** and the **District of Columbia**, and attended **144 undergraduate institutions**.



ADELINE LEE, of West Windsor-Plainsboro, New Jersey, graduated from Wellesley College and worked as a paralegal with the ACLU before law school. When considering which law school to attend, Lee said, "UVA Law's unique combination of intellect and heart, in addition to its founding history and sterling academic opportunities, were what sealed the deal."

CLASS OF 2026 FAST FACTS as of Aug. 23, 2023

171 median LSAT
167-172 25%-75% LSAT
3.94 median GPA
3.72-3.99 25%-75% GPA

305 students enrolled
from **5,610** applicants
20-34 age range
53.1% women

46.6% men
0.3% nonbinary,
transgender or gender-
nonconforming

36.1% people of color*
19% self-identify as LGBTQ+
74% have postgraduate
experience

30% are first-generation
professional/graduate school
10% are first-generation
college students

*As defined by the American Bar Association.

**STUDENTS COME FROM
40 STATES**
and the *District of Columbia*.

Alabama **6**
California **20**
Colorado **6**

D.C. **14**
Florida **18**
Georgia **12**

Maryland **15**
Massachusetts **4**
Minnesota **5**

North Carolina **8**
New Jersey **8**
New York **27**

Ohio **8**
Pennsylvania **10**
Tennessee **5**

Texas **16**
Utah **5**
Washington **5**

The J.D. candidates also include citizens of Canada, China and South Korea.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS represented by four or more first-years:

Boston University **4**
Brown University **5**
College of William & Mary **4**
Cornell University **5**
Duke University **4**

Emory University **4**
Georgetown University **7**
New York University **5**
Ohio State University, Columbus **4**
Rice University **4**

University of Texas, Austin **6**
University of Arkansas,
Fayetteville **5**
University of California, Berkeley **5**
University of Chicago **4**

University of Georgia **5**
University of Maryland,
College Park **11**
University of Notre Dame **4**
University of Pennsylvania **6**

University of Richmond **4**
University of Virginia **30**
Vanderbilt University **6**
Wake Forest University **4**
Yale University **5**

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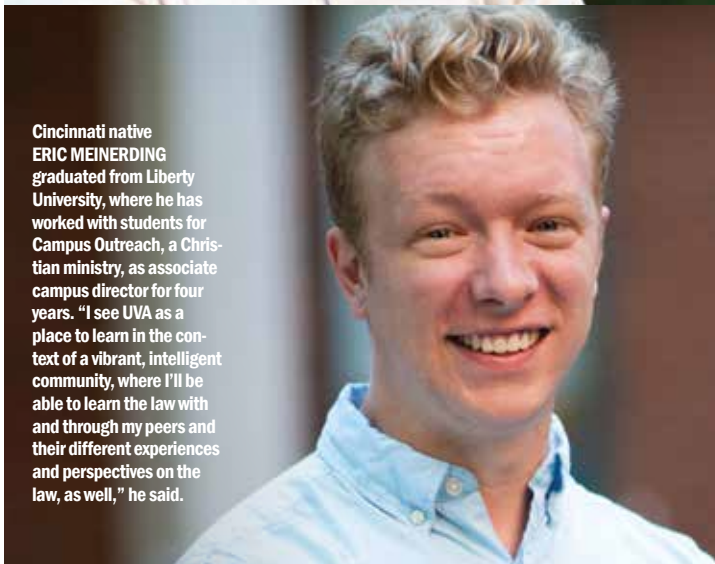
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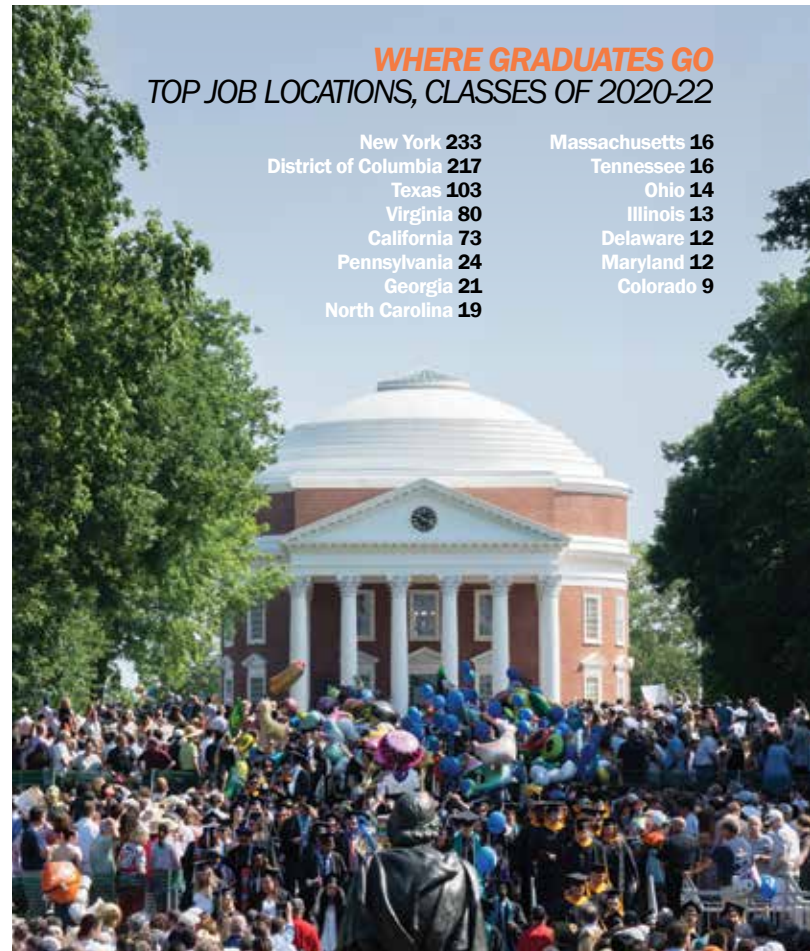


Stuart, Florida, native E. NILE SMITH graduated from Florida A&M University and was an e-commerce business analyst for Nestle Health Science before law school.

"UVA Law is most attractive to me for its wide variety of offerings for students interested in criminal law and consistent success in placing graduates into clerkships," Smith said. "There is no better place for me to get a robust network, a quality legal education and meaningful clinical opportunities."



Cincinnati native ERIC MEINERDING graduated from Liberty University, where he has worked with students for Campus Outreach, a Christian ministry, as associate campus director for four years. "I see UVA as a place to learn in the context of a vibrant, intelligent community, where I'll be able to learn the law with and through my peers and their different experiences and perspectives on the law, as well," he said.



WHERE GRADUATES GO TOP JOB LOCATIONS, CLASSES OF 2020-22

New York 233	Massachusetts 16
District of Columbia 217	Tennessee 16
Texas 103	Ohio 14
Virginia 80	Illinois 13
California 73	Delaware 12
Pennsylvania 24	Maryland 12
Georgia 21	Colorado 9
North Carolina 19	

VIRGINIA LAW FAST FACTS

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TOTAL J.D. ENROLLMENT*

911 students
50.8% women
48.7% women
0.4% nonbinary, transgender or gender-nonconforming
33.7% people of color, as defined by the American Bar Association
*as of Oct. 5, 2023

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO 6.4 TO 1

DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

in accounting, business, economic law, English, foreign affairs,

government, history, philosophy, public health, public policy, medicine, and urban and environmental planning

EXTERNAL COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

(with Princeton, Tufts and Johns Hopkins) in public international law fields

STUDY ABROAD

Second- and third-year students have access to 11 international exchange programs:

BOCCONI LAW SCHOOL

Italy

BUCERIUS LAW SCHOOL

Germany

HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Israel

INSTITUTO DE EMPRESA

Spain

MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL

Australia

SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

South Korea

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY LAW

SCHOOL Israel

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

New Zealand

UNIVERSITY OF PARIS II

France

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Australia

WASEDA UNIVERSITY

Japan

GRADUATE STUDIES

Each year about 45 students, mainly from foreign countries, earn

their LL.M. or S.J.D. degree at UVA Law.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

69, plus 10 journals

ALUMNI

The Law School has more than 20,000 alumni in all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Students logged 16,284 pro bono hours during the 2022-23 school year.

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Journal of Law & Politics
Virginia Environmental Law Journal

Virginia Journal of Criminal Law
Virginia Journal of International Law
Virginia Journal of Law & Technology
Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law
Virginia Law & Business Review
Virginia Law Review
Virginia Sports & Entertainment Law Journal
Virginia Tax Review

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CAREER FACTS

NO. 1 in the percentage of Class of 2022 graduates in full-time, long-term jobs requiring bar passage, according to American Bar Association data—the gold standard for postgraduate employment.

NO. 5 in contributing the most clerks to the U.S. Supreme Court from 2007-2023.

NO. 3 in the number of chief legal officers at the nation's top 500 companies, according to a survey by Chambers Associate.