



HEALTH LAW

The University of Virginia Medical Center is one of only 15 major teaching hospitals to be ranked among the nation's top 100 hospitals, according to Thomson Reuters' 100 Top Hospitals: National Benchmarks study. Three medical specialties of the University of Virginia Health System are listed in the 2009 annual survey from U.S. News and World Report on "America's Best Hospitals."

COURSES AND SEMINARS

- Aging and the Law
- Bioethics and the Law
- Food and Drug Law
- Genetics and the Law
- Germ, Guns and Lead: Public Health Law and Policy
- Health Care for Children: Law, Economics and Health Policy
- Health Care Law
- Health Care Structure and Financing
- Law and Ethics in Medical Practice
- Law and Ethics of Human Subject Research
- Law of Health Care Organization and Finance
- Legal Careers and Life Satisfaction
- Medical Malpractice and Health Care Quality
- Mental Health, Juvenile Justice and Family Law
- Mental Health Law
- New Frontiers in Law and Psychiatry
- Psychiatry and Criminal Law
- Public Health Law and Chronic Disease
- Themes in Biomedicine
- Tobacco Policy

CLINICS

- Advocacy Clinic for the Elderly
- Mental Health Law Clinic

THE DISTINGUISHING FEATURE of the Law School's program in health law is its genuine collaboration with the University's School of Medicine and its Medical Center, which is consistently ranked among the nation's top 100 hospitals. At Virginia, law students can study health law in the clinical setting, interacting with medical students and physicians. They can also view the regulatory context through the eyes of physicians and health care administrators. Law faculty teach in the School of Medicine and Medical School professors teach in the Law School's program. Law students and faculty have the opportunity to work with students and faculty from all medical specialties, including pediatrics, neurology, internal medicine (infectious disease and geriatrics) and psychiatry.

This collaboration is further borne out in a number of interdisciplinary institutes and centers. One is the internationally renowned Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy, a joint effort of the Law School and the School of Medicine directed by law professor Richard J. Bonnie. Another is the University's Institute on Aging, which offers opportunities to explore issues related to aging and the law, such as access to health care, health care decision-making and end-of-life problems.

J.D.-M.P.H. (PUBLIC HEALTH) PROGRAM

In conjunction with the Department of Public Health Sciences at the School of Medicine, the Law School offers a combined degree in public health. The program provides students with the opportunity to enrich their health law course work with a wide range of graduate courses in health policy and management, health economics, ethics, global health, social and behavioral health, environmental



TWO VIRGINIA LAW PROFESSORS

are members of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine. Professor Richard J. Bonnie (above) has chaired six IOM studies, ranging from tobacco policy to elder mistreatment. Bonnie also leads a statewide commission charged with overhauling Virginia's mental health laws, including problems highlighted by the Virginia Tech tragedy in April 2007.

Professor John Monahan has directed two research networks on mental health law for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.



NATIONALLY RENOWNED BIOETHICIST AND HEALTH POLICY EXPERT EZEKIEL EMANUEL spoke at the Law School in fall 2008 at a talk sponsored by the Sadie Lewis Program in Law and Biomedicine.

The Health Law Program sponsors the Health Policy Lecture Series and occasional presentations on public health law and ethics. The Health Law Interest Association, a student organization, also sponsors speakers and events.

health and research methodology. The M.P.H. program offers concentrations in generalist practice and research, health policy and law and ethics, and includes field placement options in global health, health policy and public health sites. Directed by Ruth Gaare Bernheim, J.D., M.P.H., a member of the ethics panel for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the M.P.H. program features close collaboration with the federal CDC and with state and local public health offices in Virginia.

Instituted in 2003 by the Law School, the School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the combined J.D.-M.P.H. program takes four years to complete and requires a minimum of 116 credits. In effect, the program consists of the complete first-year program at the Law School and at least three years of courses taken from the curricula of the two schools and, when appropriate, from other graduate offerings at the University.

BIOETHICS

The University's Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life — directed by Professor James Childress, one of the nation's leading bioethicists — and the Center for Biomedical Ethics offer students numerous opportunities to study and work on pressing issues in health care, biotechnology, research, genetics and moral philosophy. A number of bioethics classes are co-taught by Law, Medical and Arts & Sciences faculty.

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The Law School offers two health law-related clinical experiences, one focusing on advocacy for the elderly and the other on mental health law, that actively engage students with local lawyers representing clients in health law cases.

FELLOWSHIPS

Law students may apply for funding from the Law School's health law fellowship program to work with faculty, health lawyers and public health professionals in a variety of settings, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Law Program.

FACULTY

School of Law

Margo Bagley (Biotechnology)
Richard J. Bonnie (Mental Health Law, Health Law,

Aging and the Law, Bioethics, Public Health Law)
Thomas Hafemeister (Mental Health Law, Health Law, Bioethics)
Douglas Leslie (Health Law and Policy)
M. Elizabeth Magill (Administrative Law)
Julia Mahoney (Reproductive Technologies)
Joshua Fischman (Quantitative Methods)
Gregory Mitchell (Law and Psychology)
John Monahan (Mental Health Law)
Margaret Foster Riley (Bioethics, Biotechnology, Food and Drug Law, Health Law)
Gil Siegal (Health Law, Bioethics)
Thomas R. White III (Aging and the Law)

School of Medicine/UVA

Bruce Cohen (Psychiatry)
Dewey Cornell (Psychology)
Jonathan Evans (Geriatrics)
Ruth Gaare Bernheim (Public Health, Bioethics)
Arthur (Tim) Garson (Cardiology, Health Policy)
Richard L. Guerrant (Infectious Diseases)
Frederick Hayden (Infectious Diseases)
Daniel Larriviere (Neurology)
Thomas Massaro (Pediatrics, Health Law and Policy)
Daniel Murrie (Psychiatry)
M. Norman Oliver (Family Medicine)
Timothy Pruett (Transplant Surgery)
Eileen Ryan (Psychiatry)
Lois Shepherd (Disability Law, Health Law and Bioethics)
Janet Warren (Psychiatry)
Mark Williams (Geriatrics)
Brian Wispelwey (Infectious Diseases)

Bioethics courses also are taught by James Childress, John Arras and other University of Virginia professors. The Sadie Lewis Webb Visiting Professorship brings to the Law School eminent bioethics scholars such as Albert R. Jonsen, professor emeritus of the University of Washington, and R. Alta Charo from the University of Wisconsin law and medical schools.

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