



HEALTH LAW

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 students in the program can 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 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.



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.



THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA MEDICAL CENTER is one of only 15 major hospitals to be ranked among the nations' top 100 hospitals. Seven medical specialties are listed in the 2010 annual survey from U.S. News and World Report on "America's Best Hospitals."

BIOETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

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. The Law School also participates

in a university-wide health policy research consortium in conjunction with the University's Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy.

CLINICS

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. In the yearlong Family Resource Clinic, students advocate on behalf of poor families who

face challenges accessing public benefits, including those related to Medicaid and other health insurance programs.

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.



GAME-CHANGING ADVANCEMENTS in prenatal genetic testing will soon force society to confront a host of difficult ethical, practical and legal questions, law and biomedicine expert HANK GREELY told law students at a March 2010 event.

"I think within the next five, and almost certainly 10 years, we will see an enormous expansion of prenatal fetal genetic testing in this country," said the Stanford law professor, who delivered the annual Sadie Lewis Webb Lecture in Law and Biomedicine.

Greely said new technology will make it possible to easily and cheaply check millions of fetuses for genetic disorders ranging from Down syndrome to cystic fibrosis, and will likely lead to a significant increase in terminated pregnancies.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Aging and the Law
Bioethics and the Law
Drug Product Liability Litigation
Food and Drug Law
Genetics and the Law
Germs, Guns and Lead: Public Health Law and Policy
Global Health Law and Policy
Health Care Reform
Health Care Structure

and Financing
Health Law Survey
Law and Ethics in Medical Practice
Law and Ethics of Human Subject Research
Law of Reproduction
Legal Issues at the End of Life
Medical Care for Children: Law, Economics and Health Policy
Medical Malpractice and Health Care Quality
Mental Health, Juvenile Justice

and Family Law
Mental Health Law
Moral Dimensions of Policymaking in the United States
Psychiatry and Criminal Law
Themes in Biomedicine

CLINICS

Advocacy Clinic for the Elderly
Family Resource Clinic
Mental Health Law Clinic

FACULTY

SCHOOL OF LAW

MARGO BAGLEY (biotechnology)
RICHARD J. BONNIE (mental health law, health law, aging and the law, bioethics, public health law)
JOSHUA FISCHMAN (quantitative methods)
THOMAS HAFEMEISTER (mental health law, health law, bioethics)
DOUGLAS LESLIE (health law and policy)
M. ELIZABETH MAGILL (administrative law)
JULIA MAHONEY (reproductive technologies)
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)

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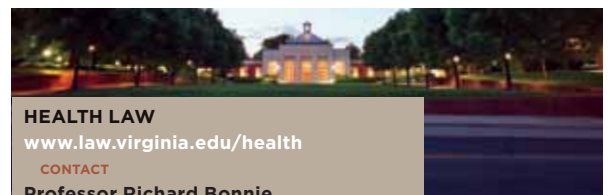
RUTH GAARE BERNHEIM (public health, bioethics)
BRUCE COHEN (psychiatry)
DEWEY CORNELL (psychology)
JONATHAN EVANS (geriatrics)
RICHARD L. GUERRANT (infectious diseases)
FREDERICK HAYDEN (infectious diseases)
DANIEL LARRIVIERE (neurology)
THOMAS MASSARO (pediatrics, health law and policy)
DANIEL MURRIE (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)

BATTEN SCHOOL/UVA

THOMAS DEE, ERIC PATASHNIK, CHRISTOPHER RUHM, RAYMOND SCHEPPACH

OTHER FACULTY

JAMES CHILDRESS, JOHN ARRAS and other University of Virginia professors teach bioethics courses. 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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