A DIVERSITY OF PERSPECTIVES enhances the classroom conversation and fosters shared values of tolerance, respect and mutual support. Ask any student: What sets Virginia Law apart from other top law schools is the extraordinary sense of community found here. At Virginia, a rigorous and academically challenging professional education is paired with a collegial environment in which all voices are heard and all views shared. It is a better way to learn — but equally important, it’s better preparation for the legal profession. Teamwork, cooperation, respect for different points of view, skilled communication and an understanding of varied perspectives are all an integral part of a profession that serves an increasingly diverse society.

THE BEAUTY OF VIRGINIA LAW is it embraces diversity. The collegial atmosphere of the Law School is warm and welcoming to the many voices and life experiences that make this community strong. That serves students while they are here, and once they venture beyond Grounds.”

—CORDEL FAULK ’01, Interim Assistant Dean for Admissions

THE DIVERSITY PLEDGE

AS A COMMUNITY, WE BELIEVE THAT every person has worth as an individual. Every person is entitled to dignity and respect, regardless of class, color, disability, gender, nationality, race, religion or sexual orientation. Thoughts and acts of prejudice have no place in the UVA Law community.

THUS, WE PLEDGE to treat all people with dignity and respect, to discourage others’ prejudice in all its forms, and to strive to maintain a climate for work and learning based on mutual respect and understanding.

AND FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, knowing that both the UVA Law community and the world will be a better place because of our efforts, we will incorporate this pledge into our daily lives.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Virginia students have the opportunity to participate in innovative student organizations that bring together students of different racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and religious backgrounds, as well as people of different sexual orientations and political affiliations.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
APALSA provides academic and social support to its members and reaches out to the Law School community on issues pertaining to Asian-Americans.

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
BLSA promotes the welfare of its members through educational, professional, cultural and social programs, while offering a forum for the discussion of issues affecting both the black law student and University communities.

FEMINIST LEGAL FORUM
The Feminist Legal Forum is dedicated to advancing feminist discussion and awareness at the Law School and eradicating sexism within the legal profession.

JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
JLSA provides cultural, educational and social programming for Jewish law students and serves as a resource for the rest of the Law School.

LAMBDA LAW ALLIANCE
Lambda Law Alliance provides a supportive network for sexual minorities and their allies enrolled in the Law School and heightens community awareness about legal issues relevant to sexual minorities.

LATIN AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATION
LALO is an all-inclusive student group devoted to increasing awareness of legal issues facing Latinos and Latin America.

LAW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
LCF is a nondenominational Christian fellowship committed to presenting Christianity to the Law School and the surrounding Charlottesville community through service, outreach and fellowship.

KOREAN AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION
KALSA provides a vibrant social community for current and prospective law students, connects students to a professional career network, fosters cultural exchange and offers a forum to discuss legal issues pertaining to the Korean-American community.

NATIVE AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
NALSA is an all-inclusive student group that increases awareness of legal issues affecting Native American populations and enables students to engage in activities related to Native culture.

PEER ADVISOR PROGRAM
The Peer Advisor Program helps acclimate first-year students to the law school experience and provides friendship and support throughout law school.

REX E. LEE LAW SOCIETY
The Rex E. Lee Law Society supports members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) who are studying or interested in studying law at the University of Virginia.

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY
The St. Thomas More Society fosters high ethical principles in the legal profession and in the community of Catholic lawyers.

VIRGINIA LAW FAMILIES
Virginia Law Families supports and promotes the interests of students facing the challenges of attending law school while raising children.

VIRGINIA LAW VETERANS
Virginia Law Veterans serves as an information resource on veterans’ issues and national security and international law and policy topics. The organization sponsors events that support the school’s military community.

VIRGINIA LAW WOMEN
Virginia Law Women is dedicated to addressing issues that interest, concern and affect women in law school.

WOMEN OF COLOR
Women of Color promotes the welfare of the diverse population of women at the Law School.

“LAW IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL by which society respects and mediates differing interests, goals and perspectives. Law cannot serve that function unless it invites all voices to be heard, and we expect no less of our own classroom experience.”

—PAUL G. MAHONEY, DEAN