THE CAREER SERVICES PROGRAM at the University of Virginia School of Law is one of the most successful among national law schools and provides students with a wide range of job opportunities across the nation and abroad.

VIRGINIA enjoys a reputation for producing lawyers who not only master the intellectual challenges of legal practice, but also contribute broadly to the institutions they join through strong leadership and interpersonal skills. As a result, private- and public-sector employers heavily recruit Virginia students each year. Graduates start their careers across the country with large and small law firms, government agencies and public interest groups.
Providing what you need to launch your career

THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES, the JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS OFFICE and the MORTIMER CAPLIN PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER offer the tools and preparation students need to launch themselves into the legal workforce.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

COUNSELING STUDENTS on job-search strategies, from understanding which employers to target to planning long-term career goals

PREPARING AND TRAINING STUDENTS to have successful interviews, including through live or videotaped mock interviews, to assess weaknesses and strengths

REVIEWING AND CRITIQUING RESUMES, cover letters and other employment-related communications

SCHEDULING EVENTS throughout the school year that are designed to inform students about a variety of career paths and employment options, best practices for interviews and internships, and how to advance your career after law school

HELPING STUDENTS UNDERSTAND what kinds of careers they will find rewarding

TEACHING STUDENTS best networking practices

MAINTAINING AN ONLINE JOB DATABASE that also allows students to receive alerts about jobs in their chosen field or city

COORDINATING THE SCHOOL’S INVOLVEMENT in career fairs and recruiting events across the country, in addition to the Law School’s extensive on-campus recruiting efforts

“We team with the students on all parts of their job search. We guide students in identifying employment options that will be personally and professionally fulfilling, work with them on their resumes and cover letters, assist them in preparing for interviews and then educate them on skills that will aid them in the workplace.” —KEVIN DONOVAN, Senior Assistant Dean for Career Services
Morgan Lewis, he was the firm's pro bono chair from 2003-08, was heavily involved in recruiting and participated in running three summer associate programs. After law school, Donovan clerked for U.S. District Judge Frank J. Battisti in the Northern District of Ohio. Following his clerkship he joined Morgan Lewis and became a partner in 2000.

Kevin Hayden leads the Office of Career Services and counsels students and alumni on general career choices and on pursuing positions with law firms. Before joining the school in 2009, Donovan was a litigation partner in the Philadelphia office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius, where his practice focused on complex tort litigation, including class actions and national serial litigation. While at

Cove in Washington, D.C., where she specialized in white-collar, regulatory and consumer protection matters. During her tenure there, she spent five years on the recruiting committee, culminating in her chairing the summer program, and served as co-chair of the office’s Lawyers of Color affinity group.

focused on private equity/venture capital transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and other corporate and securities matters. She also served as a member of the firm’s Professional Personnel/Legal Recruiting, Professional Development and Marketing committees.

in law school at UVA, she was a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Law & Politics, First Year Council and Virginia Law Women.

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VIRGINIA has graduates in 99 of the American Lawyer top 100 firms (as of April 2015).

VIRGINIA ranked second in the number of alumni leading the nation’s top 100 firms, according to a 2013 Above the Law report.

VIRGINIA is fourth in the number of partners in the National Law Journal’s top 100 firms, according to a paper published in the Journal of Legal Education in 2012.

VIRGINIA is fifth in alumni earning federal appellate clerkships for the classes of 2012-14, according to American Bar Association data.

VIRGINIA ranks second after Harvard in the number of chief legal officers at the nation’s top 500 companies, according to a 2014 study.

VIRGINIA is fourth in placing clerks on the U.S. Supreme Court from 2005-15, behind Harvard, Yale and Stanford. Ten alumni from the classes of 2012-14 obtained Supreme Court clerkships.

VIRGINIA ranked fifth in the number of lawyers at the top 300 U.S. law firms in a 2010 study by Stanford Graduate School of Business professors.

VIRGINIA ranked sixth in the number of associates promoted to partner among the National Law Journal’s top 250 firms in 2013.