LAWYERS WORKING WITH PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS must understand the complex relationship between law and public policy to be effective at shaping it. Virginia's strength in public policy and regulation law draws from faculty members who have brought their experiences working for the government or other institutions back to the classroom. These connections benefit students in a variety of ways. When professors work for Congress or federal agencies such as the State Department, volunteer for government commissions, consult for state and local governments, or work with advocacy organizations that seek to influence public policy, the experiences enrich their teaching, facilitate student opportunities to network with practicing attorneys in a variety of fields, and inspire fresh insights in research and scholarship.

THE LAW SCHOOL'S PROXIMITY to Washington, D.C., provides rich opportunities for a close-up view of how regulations, policies and the government interact. The location also allows top government lawyers and Washington-based practitioners to teach part-time at Virginia, which exposes students to the kinds of concrete issues they may one day face as government officials, practicing lawyers or policy advocates.

VIRGINIA'S ALUMNI CONNECT the school and students to Washington and other public policy networks. The Law School's graduates work for the White House, Congress, the Justice Department, the military and numerous federal agencies. SEE BIT.LY/UVALAWALUMNI

J.D.-M.P.P. (PUBLIC POLICY) PROGRAM The Law School offers a dual-degree program with the University of Virginia Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, in which a student may obtain both a J.D. and a Master of Public Policy degree (M.P.P.) in four years, instead of the five years that would be required if each were taken separately. Students who have been admitted to the program may elect whether they want to start in the Law School or the Batten School.
The Law School attracts high-profile speakers on public policy, many of whom are alumni. BOB BAUER ’76 (left), co-chair of the Presidential Commission on Elections, former White House counsel (2009-11), and former general counsel for Barack Obama’s presidential campaigns, recently discussed the commission’s work.

U.S. District Court Judge ROBERT SHELBY ’98, who struck down Utah’s amendment defining marriage as solely between a man and a woman as unconstitutional, also spoke on his experience serving on the federal bench.

PROFESSORS AND PUBLIC POLICY

VIRGINIA’S FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC POLICY.

BARBARA ARMACOST, attorney-adviser, Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel
MARGO BAGLEY, member, Public Patent Foundation Board of Directors
RICHARD BONNIE, associate director, National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse; secretary of the first National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse; chair, Virginia Commission on Mental Health Law Reform; chair, Institute of Medicine committees
JONATHAN Z. CANNON, general counsel (and other leadership posts), Environmental Protection Agency
ASHLEY DEEKS, assistant legal adviser for political-military affairs, State Department Office of the Legal Adviser; legal adviser, U.S. Embassy in Baghdad
MICHAEL DORAN, attorney, Office of Tax Policy, Treasury Deparment
JOHN DUFFY, attorney-adviser, Justice Department
KIMBERLY KESSLER FERZAN, trial attorney, Justice Department
DOUG FORD, policy analyst, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
RACHEL HARMON, trial attorney, Justice Department
JOHN HARRISON, counselor on international law; State Department; deputy assistant attorney general, Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel
TOBY HEYTENS, attorney (assistant), Office of the Solicitor General
A. E. DICK HOWARD, executive director of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
MICHAE A. LIVEMORE, executive director, Institute for Policy Integrity
DAVID MARTIN, principal deputy general counsel, Department of Homeland Security; general counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service
JOHN MONAHAN, member, Committee on Law and Justice of the National Research Council; member, Institute of Medicine
JOHN NORTON MOORE, chair of the Board of Directors, U.S. Institute of Peace; counselor on international law; State Department
THOMAS NACHBAR, brigade judge advocate, U.S. Army Reserve; senior adviser, Department of Defense; Office of Rule of Law and Detainee Policy
A. SP.RIGHTLY RYAN, inspector general, Smithsonian Institution
MOLLY BISHOP, attorney-adviser, Justice Department Office of Intelligence
PAUL STEPHAN, counsel on international law; State Department
GEORGE YIN, chief of staff, U.S. Congress Joint Committee on Taxation

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Administrative Law
Advanced Campaign Finance
Advanced Natural Resources Law: Energy and Water Resources
Advanced Topics in the First Amendment (Religion Clauses)
Advising the Board of Directors
Airline Industry and Aviation Law
Animal Law
Anti-Terrorism, Law and the Role of Intelligence
Antitrust
Antitrust Practice
Antitrust Review Mergers in a Global Environment
Applied Problem Solving
Banking and Financial Institutions
Business and Governmental Tort Liability
Changing Practice of Medicine Children and the Law
Climate Change: Science, Markets and Policy
Comparative Education Law and Policy
Consumer Law
Employment Law: Health and Safety
Energy and Environmental Products Trading and Commodities Regulation
Energy and the Environment
Energy Regulation and Policy Environmental Law
Federal Income Tax
Federal Land and Natural Resource Law
Federal Law of Fraud and Corruption
Federal Regulation Investment Companies
Food and Drug Law
Foreign Relations Law
Foundations of Climate Change Law and Policy
Gender, Status and Economics Global Health Law and Policy
Government Ethics: Conflicts of Interest, Lobbying and Campaign Finance
Health Care Marketplace:
Competition, Regulation and Reform
Historic Preservation Law
Immigration Enforcement
Immigration Law
International Law and the Use of Force
Intelligence Law Reform
International Trade Law
Juvenile Justice Reform
Land Use Law
Law and Business Management in the Health Care Sector
Law and Economics of Regulatory Science
Law and Ethics of Human Subject Research
Law and Public Service
Law of Body Parts
Law of Reproduction
Law of the Police
Law of War
Legal and Moral Reasoning in Public Policy
Legislation
Legislative Drafting and Public Policy
Monetary Constitution

Money and Rights
Movement Lawyering for Global Justice
National Security Law
New Frontiers in Clinical Ethics and Law
Office of the Solicitor General
Presidential Powers
Professional Responsibility for Tax Lawyers
Property Theory
Public Interest Law and Advocacy Skills
Regulation and Deregulation of U.S. Industries
Regulation of the Political Process
Reproductive Ethics and Law
Responses to the Financial Crisis
Right to Education in U.S.: Real or Hollow?
Risk Regulation
Scientific Evidence
Social Work of Law
Special Education Law
Theory and Practice of Biodiversity Conservation
Toxic Chemicals in the Environment
Transnational Approach to Mergers and Acquisitions
Urban Law and Policy
Varieties of Financial Distress

CLINICS

Consumer Law Clinic
Environmental Law and Conservation Clinic
Litigation and Housing Law
Immigration Law Clinic

PROFESSOR GEORGE YIN (left) held one of the nation’s most influential tax posts as chief of staff of the U.S. Congress Joint Committee on Taxation from 2003-05.

UVA LAW PROFESSORS who have made an impact in public policy debates recently include RICHARD BONNIE (on guns and mental health, and raising the smoking age) and DEAN PAUL MAHONEY (on fixing problems associated with Dodd-Frank and the rush to regulate following financial crises).