

**LAW STUDENTS AT VIRGINIA** enjoy an array of clinics and courses that offer a wide range of practical training options.

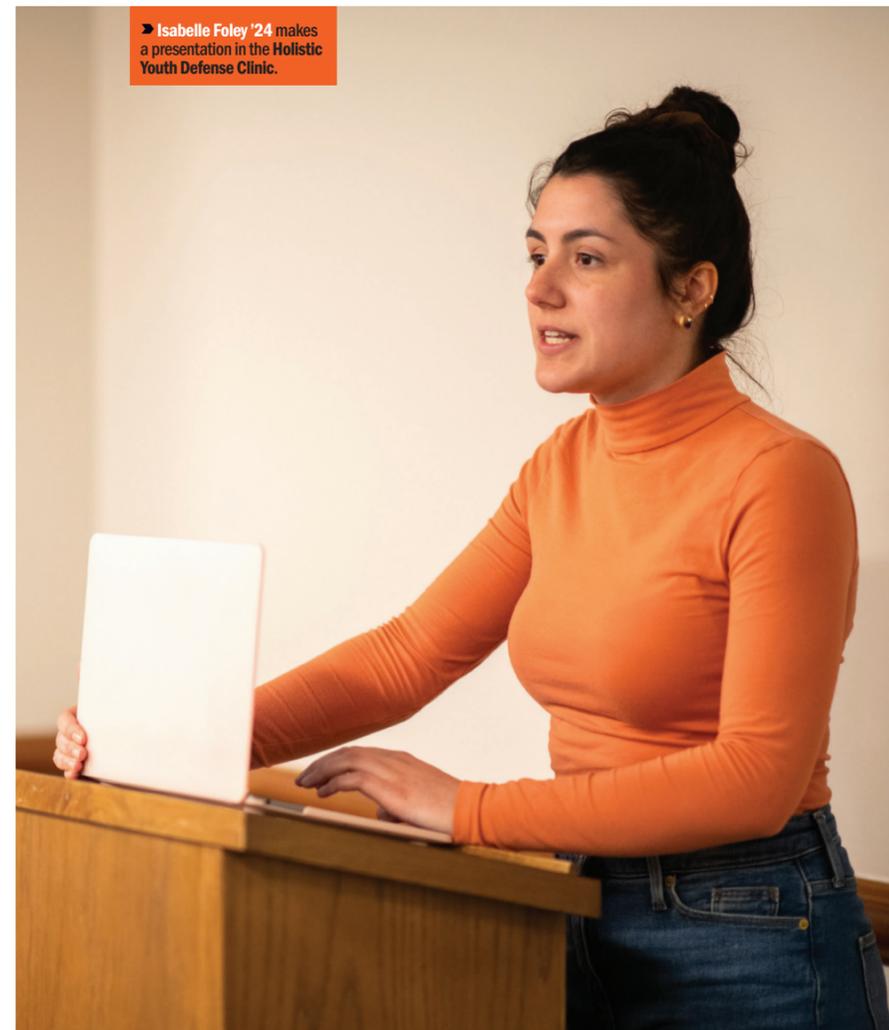
Virginia's clinics engage students in learning new skills from a variety of situations, from litigation and transactional work to problem-solving and drafting policy.

Students also benefit from experiential courses in public speaking, trial advocacy and professional responsibility, as well as extracurricular moot court and mock trial competitions.

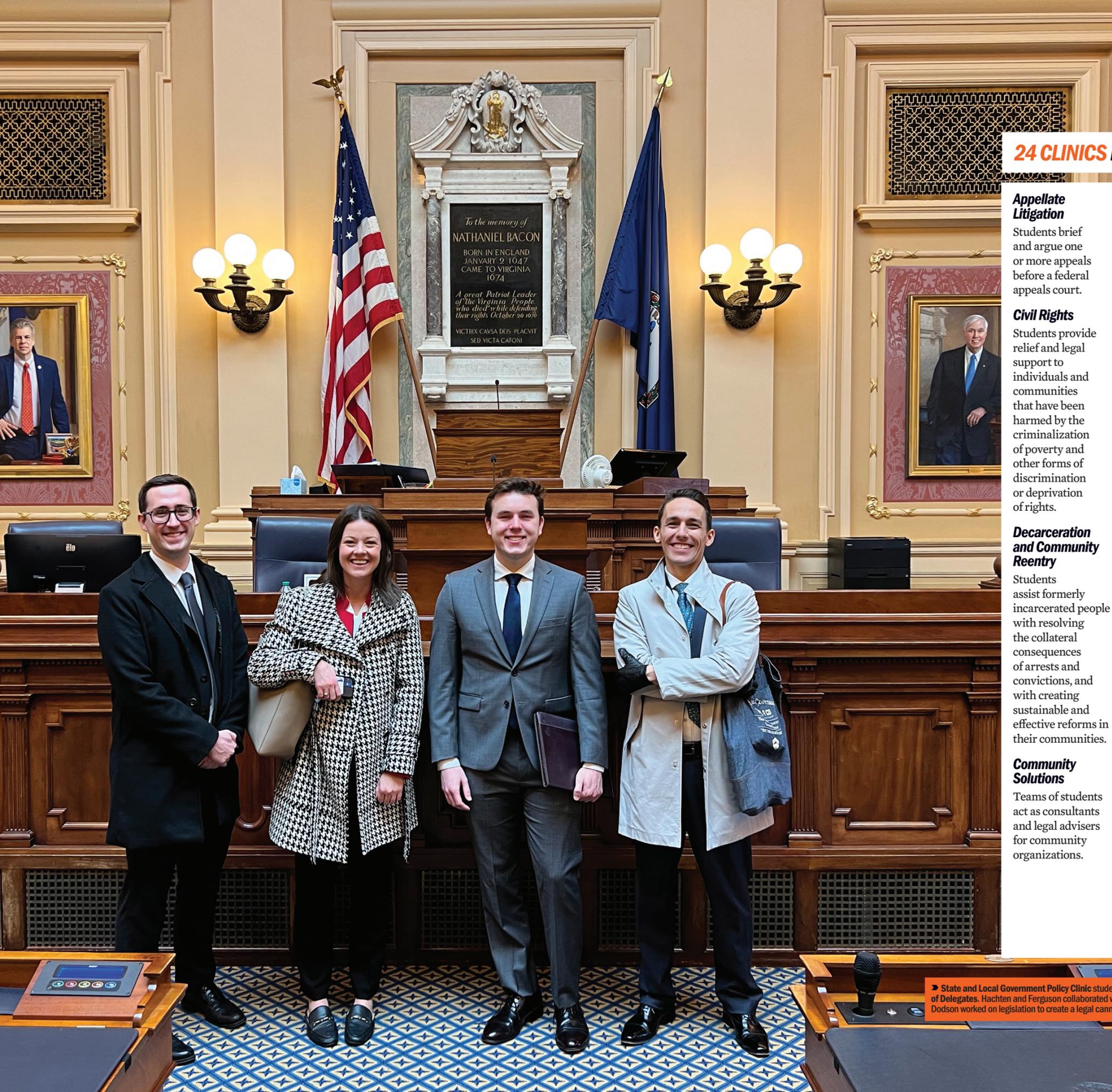
# Hands-On Law

► Students in the Decarceration and Community Reentry Clinic and Professor Kelly Orians (center, right) helped Whitmore Merrick Jr., center, who was originally convicted of marijuana possession, get his full civil rights restored.

► Isabelle Foley '24 makes a presentation in the Holistic Youth Defense Clinic.



► Students in the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic act as general counsel for startup companies run by MBA students at the Darden School of Business.



**24 CLINICS** HELP STUDENTS PRACTICE BEING A LAWYER.

**Appellate Litigation**

Students brief and argue one or more appeals before a federal appeals court.

**Civil Rights**

Students provide relief and legal support to individuals and communities that have been harmed by the criminalization of poverty and other forms of discrimination or deprivation of rights.

**Decarceration and Community Reentry**

Students assist formerly incarcerated people with resolving the collateral consequences of arrests and convictions, and with creating sustainable and effective reforms in their communities.

**Community Solutions**

Teams of students act as consultants and legal advisers for community organizations.

**Criminal Defense**

Students represent defendants in criminal cases in local courts, and develop a working familiarity with grand jury proceedings, indictments, pretrial motions, discovery, plea bargaining, motions and objections, evidentiary issues, sentencing and protecting the record for appeal.

**Economic and Consumer Justice**

Students work with clients who have problems that are covered by various consumer protection laws, mainly those governing debt collection and other debt-related issues.

**Entrepreneurial Law**

Students provide legal counseling and draft basic corporate documentation for startup companies.

**Environmental Law and Community Engagement**

Students represent and counsel environmental nonprofits, citizens' groups and community

organizations seeking to protect and restore the environment.

**Federal Criminal Sentence Reduction**

Through a unique opportunity to practice in federal court, students work to reduce the sentences of indigent federal inmates.

**First Amendment**

In conjunction with the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, students undertake projects protecting First Amendment rights.

**Health and Disability Law**

Students help represent mentally ill and elderly clients in negotiations, administrative hearings and court proceedings.

**Holistic Youth Defense**

Students represent juvenile clients on delinquency matters, as well as related school discipline and special education matters.

**Housing Litigation**

Students handle eviction cases, rent escrow cases, grievance hearings and other enforcement of residents' rights.

**Immigration Law**

Students may work with clients to appeal denied applications for status, special categorization or other procedures.

**Innocence Project**

Students investigate potential wrongful convictions of Virginia inmates through interviewing potential clients and witnesses, and searching and reviewing pertinent case files and records.

**International Human Rights Law**

Students gain experience in human rights advocacy under the supervision of international human rights lawyers.

**Nonprofit**

Students work with local nonprofit organizations on matters such as initial formation, tax-exempt status, ongoing legal compliance and good corporate governance.

**Patent and Licensing**

These clinics train students in patent drafting as well as the negotiation and drafting of patent and software license agreements.

**Project for Informed Reform**

Students collaborate with outside organizations to produce research and reliable data supporting criminal justice reform proposals.

**Prosecution**

Students undertake a prosecutor's duties, including exercising discretion in the decision to prosecute, interacting with law enforcement, dealing with victims and witnesses, and establishing relationships with defense counsel.

**State and Local Government Policy**

Students engage with government agencies and legislators in the development of policies and legislation at the state and local level in Virginia, including educational policy.

**Supreme Court Litigation**

Working in teams, students handle actual U.S. Supreme Court cases, from seeking review to briefing on the merits.

**Workplace Rights**

Cases may include wrongful-discharge actions, unemployment compensation claims, employment discrimination charges and other claims.

**Youth Advocacy**

Students represent children involved in legal issues in the areas of education, foster care and social services, mental health and developmental disabilities, and delinquency.

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► State and Local Government Policy Clinic students Tim Dodson '24, Clare Hachten '24, Michael Ferguson '24 and Michael Pruitt '24 stand in the Virginia House of Delegates. Hachten and Ferguson collaborated with lawmakers to pass a mental health reform bill to address overcrowding in the state's mental health facilities, Dodson worked on legislation to create a legal cannabis market, and Pruitt assisted with a bill to reduce the impact of fines and fees on juvenile defendants.

► Williams Mullen partner **Carrie Stanton '11** taught **Introduction to Law and Business** and **Complex Commercial Contract Negotiations** during the 2022-23 school year. The Law School provides learning experiences that stretch beyond the classroom and give students practical experience and insight into the way the law functions.



## Other Practical Training

### Principles and Practice Program

Virginia's Principles and Practice Program, a curricular innovation that was the first of its kind in the country, offers courses designed to give students the opportunity to apply legal theory in real-life situations. The program teams law professors with practitioners, judges and other professionals, melding the insights of theory with those of contemporary practice.

### Trial Advocacy College

The Trial Advocacy College is an intensive eight-day experience offered annually between the fall and spring terms. Third-year students are enrolled with participants from some of the nation's best litigation units in an intensive practice program with a faculty comprised of some of the best lawyers and judges in the country. This selective program supplements the 12 sections of trial advocacy offered each spring and fall.

### Short Courses

A variety of intensive short courses allow students to focus on specific subjects ranging from Islamic Law to the finance of small enterprises. Often taught by practicing lawyers, these courses allow students to spend anywhere from a few days to a few weeks studying real-world problems with top practitioners and scholars in the field.

### EXPERIENTIAL COURSES

Advanced Contracts	Computational Text Analysis for Legal Practice	Global Contracting: A Case Study	Legislative Drafting and Public Policy	Securities Litigation and Enforcement
Advanced Criminal Procedure Seminar	Conservation Planning and Law	Government Ethics: Conflicts of Interest, Lobbying and Campaign Finance	Litigation Skills and Professional Liability Law	Spanish for Public Service Lawyers
Advanced Legal Research	Corporate Strategy	Graduate Legal Research and Writing II	Music Law: Analytical and Client Management Skills	Start-Up of a MedTech Company
Advanced Legal Writing: Civic Engagement and Persuasion	Corporate Transactions	Hallmarks of Distinguished Advocacy	Negotiating a Joint Venture in China	Taking Effective Depositions
Advanced Verbal Persuasion	Deals	Human Rights Study Project	Negotiation	Tax Treaties and Other International Tax Topics
Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Workplace	Defining Leadership Moments	Innovating for Defense	Nonprofit Organizations: Principles and Practice	The Business of Banking and Prudential Regulation
Appellate Practice	Designing Democracy: Participation	International Business Negotiation	Oral Presentations In and Out of the Courtroom	Topics in Private Company Acquisitions
Bioethics and Law Internship Seminar: Health Policy and Administration	Drug Product Liability Litigation: Principles and Practice	International Debt Transactions	Persuasion	Transactional Approach to Mergers and Acquisitions
Border Policy and Politics	Electronic Discovery	International Tax Practicum	Pretrial Litigation Skills: Civil Rights	Transactional Law: Drafting, Communication and Negotiation
Business Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code	Emerging Markets: Principles and Practice	Law of Public-Private Partnerships	Project for Informed Reform	Trial Advocacy College
Complex Commercial Contract Negotiations	Estate Planning: Principles and Practice	Law Reform and Impact Litigation Seminar	Public Interest Law and Advocacy Skills	Trial Advocacy
	Federal Criminal Pre-Trial and Trial Practice	Lawyers, Clerks, and Judicial Decision-making	Public M&A Negotiation	
	Federal Litigation Practice	Legal Research and Writing I	Real Estate Transactions and Litigation	
	Gender-Based Violence: US Law and Policy		Regulatory Law and Policy	

These courses represent the 2021-24 school years.



AREAS OF STUDY