

The **Program in Law, Communities and the Environment**, or **PLACE**, supports environmental events and activities at the Law School.

Environmental challenges are rarely simple. From climate change to local conservation, the challenges of sustainability and long-term environmental health raise complex scientific, ethical, economic and political questions that defy easy answers.

PLACE at UVA empowers students to confront these questions so they can build the practical skills, analytic tools and hands-on experience needed to effect change as environmental leaders in government, business and the nonprofit sector.

The program combines outstanding legal teaching with opportunities for interdisciplinary

study, clinical experience and scholarly inquiry. Interacting with faculty who research and shape the law at the local, regional and global levels, students at UVA Law experience environmental law as it is practiced today, and study how it can better meet the next generation of challenges.



► Students in the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic, led by Professor **Cale Jaffe**, recently worked on issues related to clean energy, climate policy and the Atlantic Coast pipeline.

► Professor **Michael A. Livemore** is the co-author of the book "Reviving Rationality: Saving Cost-Benefit Analysis for the Sake of the Environment and Our Health" and leads the podcast "Free Range with Mike Livemore," featuring discussions with experts on environmental issues.

► Professor **Richard C. Schragger** writes on the intersection of constitutional law and local government law, federalism, urban policy, and the constitutional and economic status of cities. He is the author of the book "City Power: Urban Governance in a Global Age."

► Professor **Alison Gocke** has expertise in environmental and energy issues from both the scientific and legal perspectives. She has written on the regulation of the U.S. electricity grid and the history of interstate natural gas pipelines.



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COURSES AND SEMINARS

Climate Change Law
Conservation Planning and Law
Construction Law

Eminent Domain, Expropriation and Emergency Action
Energy and Environmental Products Trading and Commodities Regulation
Energy and the Environment

Energy Regulation and Policy
Environmental Law
Historic Preservation Law

International Environmental Law
Land Use Law
Law of Place and Place of Law

Law of Public-Private Partnerships
Modern Real Estate

Natural Resources Law and Policy
Public Utility Regulation Seminar
Theory and Practice of Biodiversity Conservation

Urban Law and Policy
Water Law and Policy
Wine and the Law

CLINICS

Advanced Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic
Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic

These courses represent the 2020-23 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.

Environmental and Land Use Law

Beyond the Curriculum
The Law School's support for learning opportunities in environmental and land use law goes deeper than course offerings.

Symposia

Over the past dozen years, the Law School has sponsored national conferences on growth management, nature conservation, environmental contracting, revitalization of contaminated land, transboundary watershed management and climate change. Law students help plan these conferences, and edit and publish the papers that emerge from them.

Virginia Environmental Law Journal

Founded in 1979 and managed and edited by students, the journal is a leader in environmental legal scholarship.

Virginia Environmental Law Forum

This popular and active student group hosts speakers and

networking events, and sponsors law students who participate in environmental moot court and negotiation competitions. The forum, in cooperation with the Law School's Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center, also provides pro bono opportunities to students interested in environmental law.

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Students may receive Law School credit for related graduate courses offered by other University departments and schools, including classes on topics such as preservation planning, land use policy, ecology, climatology and business-government relations. Students can obtain joint degrees in law and land use planning, business or environmental sciences.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLINIC

Students in the clinic represent environmental nonprofits, citizens' groups and other community organizations seeking to protect and restore the environment of Virginia and other parts of the country. The clinic works closely with lawyers at the Southern Environmental Law Center, a preeminent environmental public interest law firm headquartered in Charlottesville. Students participate in a range of activities on

environmental matters. They comment on administrative rules, participate in permitting proceedings, advocate before state administrative agencies and boards, and contribute to factual investigations and litigation.