

Students benefit from viewing the regulatory context through the eyes of physicians, inventors, health care administrators and experts from a variety of fields.

This interdisciplinary approach is further borne out through institutes and centers at UVA that allow students to study and work on pressing issues in health care, biotechnology, research, genetics and moral philosophy:

- Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy
- Virginia Center for Translational and Regulatory Sciences
- Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life
- Center for Biomedical Ethics
- Center for Health Policy
- Center for Global Health

Health Law

The distinguishing feature of the Law School's Program In Health Law is its collaboration with the University's School of Medicine and its Medical Center, which is consistently ranked among the nation's top hospitals.

At Virginia, law students can study health law in the clinical setting, interacting with medical students and physicians from all medical specialties, including pediatrics, neurology, internal medicine and psychiatry.

Law faculty teach in the School of Medicine, and Medical School professors teach Law School classes. This collaboration extends to health policy experts in the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, the Darden School of Business, and the Schools of Architecture, Arts & Sciences, Engineering and Nursing.

➤ Newsweek ranked the University of Virginia Medical Center No. 1 in Virginia and in the top 50 hospitals nationally in 2023.

**J.D.-M.P.H.
Public Health
Program**

In conjunction with the Department of Public Health Sciences at the School of Medicine, the Law School offers a dual degree in public health. Students have access to graduate courses in health policy and management, health economics, ethics, global health, social and behavioral health, environmental health and research methodology. Instituted in 2003, the M.P.H. program offers concentrations in generalist practice and research, health policy, and law and ethics, and includes field placement options in global health, health policy and public health sites. The program takes four years to complete and requires a minimum of 116 credits.

**J.D.-M.D.
Program**

Designed to educate the next generation of health leaders, the J.D.-M.D. program allows students to complete law and medical degrees in six years, instead of the seven years normally required if the degrees were pursued separately. Students spend the first three years and the summer of year five in classes at the School of Medicine, and years four and five at the Law School. In the final year, one semester is spent in each school. Students are required to

secure admission separately to the School of Medicine and UVA Law.

**Health and
Disability
Law Clinic**

Students in the yearlong clinic help represent mentally ill and elderly clients in negotiations, administrative hearings and court proceedings. The legal matters may involve civil rights, mental health care in jails and prisons, disability benefits claims, access to health or rehabilitative services, creating wills and other testamentary documents, and advance directives.

**Fellowships
and Externships**

Students may apply for funding from the Law School's health law fellowship program to work in a variety of settings. Students have worked for employers such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Law Program, and the Food and Drug Administration.

► Nevah Jones '22, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, won a Skadden Fellowship to apply both her legal training and personal experiences to help fellow veterans file their own health claims with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For one part of her project, Jones will be training physicians at Atrium Health on what it takes to provide legally adequate opinions for veterans in disability benefit cases.



FACULTY

**School
of Law**

Naomi Cahn
reproductive technologies, aging and the law

Deborah Hellman
bioethics

Craig Konnoth
health and civil rights, LGBT health law and bioethics

Kimberly D. Krawiec
taboo markets (such as organs, commercial surrogacy)

Julia Mahoney
reproductive technologies

Gregory Mitchell
law and psychology

John Monahan
mental health law

Margaret Foster Riley
bioethics, biotechnology, food and drug law, health law

**School
of Medicine
and UVA**

Ruth Gaare Bernheim
public health, bioethics

Donna Chen
psychiatry and bioethics

Bruce Cohen
psychiatry

Dewey Cornell
psychology

Rebecca Dillingham
global health

Carolyn Engelhard
health policy

Richard L. Guerrant
infectious diseases

Drew Harris
medical-legal partnerships

Robert J. Meyer
food and drug law, regulatory science

Daniel Murrie
psychiatry

Lois Shepherd
disability law, health law and bioethics

Janet Warren
psychiatry

Cameron Webb
health law and equity



► Professor Craig Konnoth, a 2024 Greenwall Faculty Scholar, teaches and writes about issues related to health and civil rights, health data regulation, and health law and sexuality.



► Professor John Monahan is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. He has directed two research networks on mental health law for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.



► Professor Margaret Foster "Mimi" Riley has written and presented extensively about health care law, biomedical research, genomics, reproductive technologies, stem cell research, animal biotechnology, health disparities and chronic disease.

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**COURSES
AND SEMINARS**

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| Advanced LawTech | Health Law Survey |
| After Dobbs | Law and Ethics of Biotechnology |
| Aging and the Law Lecture | Lessons From COVID-19 |
| Bioethics and Law Internship Seminar: Health Policy and Administration | Medicalization and the Law |
| Bioethics and the Law Seminar | Medicare Practice Seminar |
| Blood Feud | Mental Health Law |
| COVID and Contracts: Courts, Regulation and Drafting | New Frontiers in Neuroethics and Law |
| Current Topics in Law, Medicine and Society | Reproductive Ethics and Law |
| Datafication, Automation and Inequality | Topics in Health Care Reform |
| Disability Law | |
| Drug Product Liability Litigation Seminar | |
| Drug Product Liability Litigation: Principles and Practice | |
| Exercises in Rule Making - Society, Technology and the Law | |
| Food and Drug Law | |
| Food Systems Law and Policy | |
| Genetics and the Law | |
| Health Care Marketplace: Competition, Regulation and Reform | |

CLINICS

- Civil Rights Clinic
- Health and Disability Law Clinic

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