

FALL 2021/SPRING 2022 APPLICATION FORM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLINIC

The Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic fits within the Law School's Program in Law, Communities and the Environment (PLACE). Students in this semester-long clinic have the opportunity to work on real-world environmental cases in a variety of venues — before courts, administrative agencies and public utility commissions.

The clinic has represented a diverse array of public-interest clients in recent years, from a community group working to preserve an early 20th-century black schoolhouse, to local governments filing an amicus brief in the Supreme Court of the United States. In addition to working on in-house clinic cases, students also have the option of working closely with attorneys at **the Southern Environmental Law Center**, a nationally prominent environmental law and policy organization that is headquartered in Charlottesville.

The Clinic is a significant commitment of **4 credit hours**. The course requires you to log 15 hours per week, on average, over the course of the semester. Included within the hours requirement is time spent in weekly class sessions, time spent preparing for those classes, and time spent meeting with Professor Jaffe to review or discuss your Clinic work product. Your hours for the Clinic might break down in a given week as follows:

- 12 hours (i.e., one-and-a-half business days) working on Clinic cases;
- 80 minutes in class;
- 30 minutes in a weekly supervisory meeting;
- 60 minutes reading class materials and preparing for class.

Interested students in the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic **must apply** and be accepted to enroll in the clinic. **ONCE SELECTED FOR THE CLINIC, YOU MAY NOT DROP.**

To apply, please forward a resume, an unofficial transcript and a brief statement of interest (1-2 paragraphs) to Professor Cale Jaffe (cjaffe@law.virginia.edu). To apply for the Fall 2021 semester, please submit your materials no later than 5PM on June 14, 2021. To apply for the Spring 2022 semester, please submit your materials no later than 5PM on September 15, 2021. Selected students will be notified via e-mail before the commencement of the enrollment lottery process.

Students interested in a yearlong clinic experience may enroll in the **Advanced Clinic (a 3-credit course)** after completion of one semester in the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic. A separate application is **NOT** needed to enroll in the Advanced Clinic.