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REGISTRATION OF INTEREST 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 *amicus* briefs in the Supreme Court of the United States. The clinic has worked with the Mattaponi Indian Tribe, the Montana Environmental Information Center, and the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club. 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.

Students interested in the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic **must first submit a "Registration of Interest" form** to apply to the clinic. The form is not intended to be a rigorous application. Rather, it helps match students' interests with available casework. Based on the "Registration of Interest" forms that are submitted, the clinic will make commitments to clients and partner organizations. **Because the clinic cannot "drop" a client or partner organization, students cannot drop the clinic once they have been selected for enrollment.**

To apply, please forward a resume, an unofficial transcript and a brief statement of interest (one paragraph) to Professor Cale Jaffe (cjaffe@law.virginia.edu). 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.