



## CLINICAL Training

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

Virginia's 20 clinics, many of which offer contact with clients, build experience with real-world legal problems.

Students also advance their skills through courses in public speaking, trial advocacy and professional responsibility, as well as extracurricular moot court and mock trial competitions.



SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2006, the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic has taken 14 cases to the U.S. Supreme Court and will argue a 15th in the fall of 2018.

### PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE PROGRAM

A curricular innovation that is the first of its kind in the country, the Principles and Practice Program

teaches students to apply legal theory in real-life situations. The program teams law professors with practitioners, judges and other distinguished professionals to teach courses. The program melds

the insights of theory with those of contemporary practice, giving students a more sophisticated and useful understanding of a field than either perspective can yield on its own.

### 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 most

accomplished lawyers and judges in the country. This selective program supplements the 12 sections of trial advocacy offered each academic year.



STUDENTS IN THE ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW CLINIC act as general counsel for startup companies run by MBA students at the Darden School of Business.



# THE APPELLATE LITIGATION CLINIC

Third-year students engage in hands-on practice through arguing actual cases before **Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals**.



JUDE HALAWI '16 and DANA WALLACE '16 with Appellate Litigation Clinic Director STEPHEN BRAGA at the Fourth Circuit.

## CLINICS

Under the supervision of an attorney, students perform the lawyer functions associated with their cases, including client and witness interviews, factual development, legal research, preparation of pleadings and negotiation. *Students with third-year practice certificates also may advocate in the courtroom.*

### APPELLATE LITIGATION

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

### CHILD 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.

### CIVIL RIGHTS

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

### CONSUMER LAW

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.

### CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Students represent defendants in criminal cases in local courts. They 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.

### EMPLOYMENT LAW

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

### ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW

Students provide legal counseling

and draft basic corporate documentation for startup companies.

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY LAW

Students represent and counsel environmental nonprofits, citizens' groups and community organizations seeking to protect and restore the environment.

### FAMILY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Students use mediation to resolve conflicts involving families and children.

### FIRST AMENDMENT LAW

In conjunction with the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, students undertake projects in First Amendment subject areas.

### HEALTH LAW

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

### IMMIGRATION LAW

Students may work with clients to appeal denials of applications for status and special categorization or 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.

### LITIGATION AND HOUSING LAW

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

### NONPROFIT

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

### PATENT AND LICENSING CLINICS I AND II

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

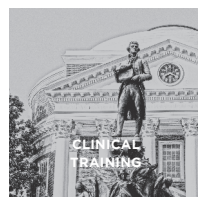
### PROSECUTION

Students undertake a prosecutor's duties, including exercising discretion in the decision to prosecute,

interacting with law enforcement personnel, dealing with victims and witnesses, and establishing relationships with defense counsel.

### SUPREME COURT LITIGATION

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



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