

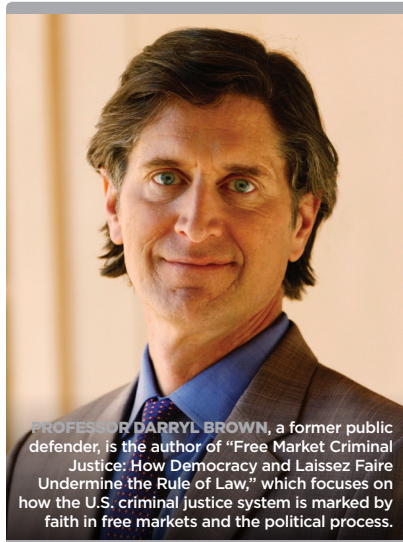


CRIMINAL Law

AN UNDERSTANDING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE is fundamental to any lawyer's education.

At the University of Virginia, the nation's leading criminal law faculty offer an in-depth array of courses on both the substantive criteria of guilt or innocence and the procedures used in the arrest, prosecution and punishment of offenders.

On topics ranging from the police's use of force to the consequences of plea bargaining, Virginia's faculty are looking at the criminal justice system with fresh eyes and considering how to make a more just society.



THE LAW SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTS ITS CURRICULUM with a wide range of extracurricular activities dedicated to criminal law, including a journal devoted to criminal law and an active innocence group.

VIRGINIA STUDENTS DO NOT STUDY CRIMINAL LAW ONLY FROM A DISTANCE. They also enroll in clinics that offer hands-on involvement in juvenile justice, criminal prosecution or defense, and innocence cases.

COLLECTIVELY, THESE EXPERIENCES LEAD VIRGINIA GRADUATES to coveted positions in the U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program, in U.S. attorneys' offices, and in district attorney and defense offices across the country.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Advanced Criminal Law
Advanced Criminal Procedure Seminar
Advanced Issues in Criminal Justice
Coercion
Computer Crime
Contemporary Debates in Criminal Law
Corporate Rights
Crime and Punishment

Criminal Adjudication
Criminal Investigation
Criminal Justice Policy
Criminal Law Simulation
Criminal Procedure Survey
Criminology
Current Issues in Drug Law and Policy
Current Issues in Forensic Science
Cyber Law and Policy
Death Penalty
Federal Criminal Pretrial

and Trial Practice
Federal Litigation Practice
Federal Sentencing
Forensics Litigation
International Criminal Law
Law and Psychology: Wrongful Convictions Seminar
Law of the Police
Legislation and Regulation
Lying and Lie Detection

Mental Health Issues in Juvenile Justice
Plea Bargaining
Prison Reform
Litigation and Advocacy
Sentencing
Social Science in Law
Terrorism, Human Rights and Rule of Law: Comparative Approach
The Role of the Federal Prosecutor

Trials of the Century: Literary and Legal Representations of Great Criminal Trials
Transnational Criminal Procedure
Understanding Police Use of Force: Investigation and Litigation Concepts
White-Collar Criminal Defense Practice
Women in the Criminal Justice System

CLINICS

Civil Rights Clinic
Criminal Defense Clinic
Innocence Project Clinic
Prosecution Clinic

These courses represent the 2016-19 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.



THE INNOCENCE PROJECT at UVA Law recently helped free **Messiah Johnson** — a Norfolk, Virginia, man who was serving a 132-year sentence for a robbery conviction. The clinic's investigation led to another inmate, who admitted to the crime and signed an affidavit that he was the robber. **"I've just been elated and glad to finally present [this to] everybody so they can see what the truth is,"** Johnson told a reporter.



CLINICS

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.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE

The semesterlong Criminal Defense Clinic allows students to represent defendants in

criminal cases in local courts under the direct supervision of an experienced local criminal defense attorney.

INNOCENCE PROJECT

Students in this yearlong clinic

investigate three potential wrongful convictions of incarcerated individuals in Virginia. One of the three cases has forensic evidence (usually DNA) that could potentially be tested, and two are non-DNA cases.

PROSECUTION

In this yearlong clinic, students work with prosecutors to try cases in local jurisdictions. Students explore a range of issues involved in the discharge of a prosecutor's duties, including the

exercise of discretion in the decision to initiate, prosecute, reduce or drop charges; interaction with defense counsel, investigative agencies and law enforcement personnel; and dealing with victims and other witnesses.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

VIRGINIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY REFORM PROJECT

This new project researches — and encourages the adoption of — policies aimed at improving the fairness of criminal adjudication, preventing wrongful convictions, reducing recidivism and costs, diverting low-risk offenders from jail or prison, and easing societal re-entry for the formerly incarcerated.

Through a related seminar, students research and write papers on such issues as improving interrogation policies, the use of mental health dockets in criminal adjudication, and bail and discovery reform.

VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW

This student-edited journal is one of only a handful at leading law schools focused

on criminal law. The journal, which also sponsors legal symposia and conferences, publishes twice a year.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

This pro bono student organization educates the Law School community about domestic violence and monitors domestic violence-related criminal justice proceedings in local

jurisdictions. The project assists the commonwealth's attorney offices of Charlottesville and of Albemarle County in their prosecution of these cases by interviewing victims of domestic violence.

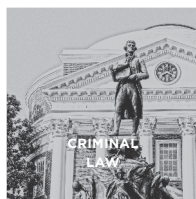
VIRGINIA INNOCENCE PROJECT PRO BONO CLINIC

Students assist clinic attorneys in evaluating claims of innocence by prisoners in

Virginia and assessing the appropriate avenues of legal relief available.

VIRGINIA LAW IN PRISON PROJECT

This student organization sponsors speaking events, pro bono experiences and educational opportunities on correctional practices and policy.



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