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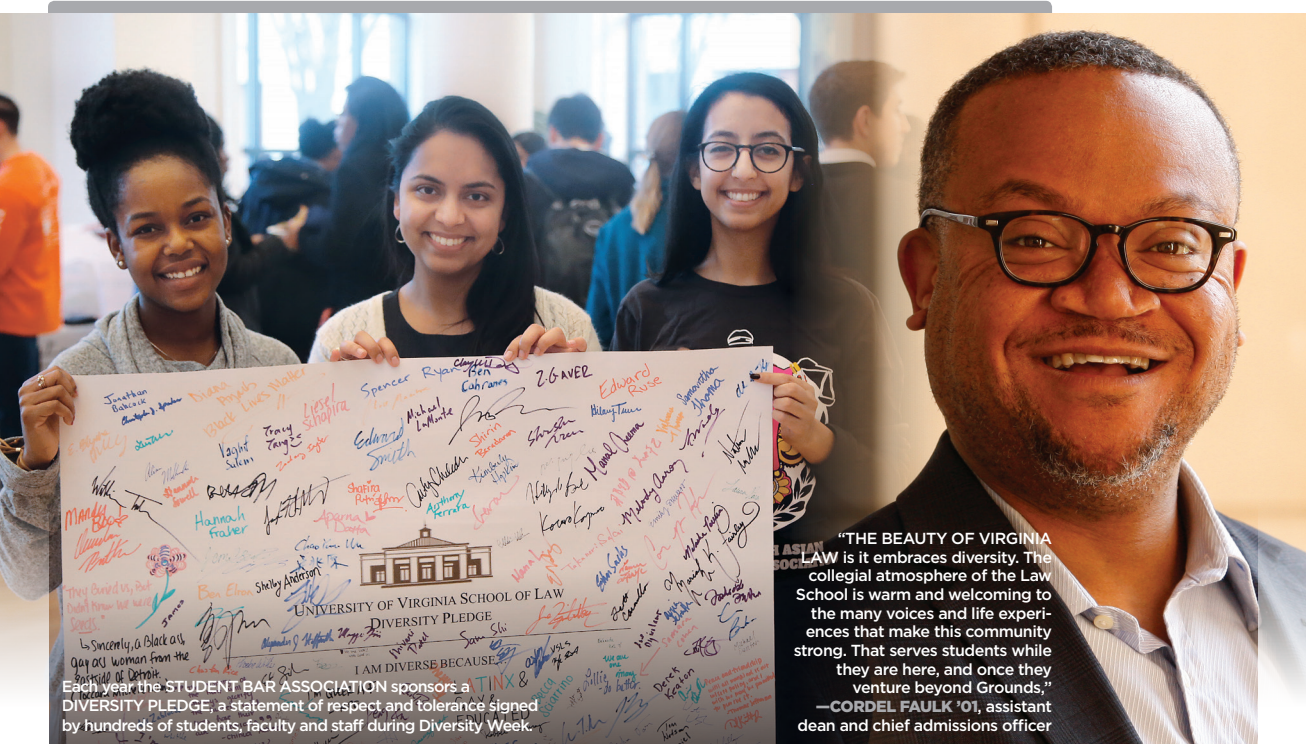
A DIVERSITY OF PERSPECTIVES enhances the classroom conversation and fosters shared values of tolerance, respect and mutual support.

Ask any student: What sets Virginia Law apart from other top law schools is the extraordinary sense of community found here.

At Virginia, a rigorous and academically challenging professional education is paired with a collegial environment in which all voices are heard and all views shared.

It is a better way to learn — but equally important, it's better preparation for the legal profession.

Teamwork, cooperation, respect for different points of view, skilled communication and an understanding of varied perspectives are all an integral part of a profession that serves an increasingly diverse society.



“THE BEAUTY OF VIRGINIA LAW is it embraces diversity. The collegial atmosphere of the Law School is warm and welcoming to the many voices and life experiences that make this community strong. That serves students while they are here, and once they venture beyond Grounds.”
—CORDELE FAULK '01, assistant dean and chief admissions officer

VIRGINIA HAS MORE THAN 60 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, many of which are focused on bringing together students of different racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and religious backgrounds, as well as people of different sexual orientations and political affiliations.

KEY GROUPS INCLUDE:

- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Feminist Legal Forum
- Jewish Law Students Association

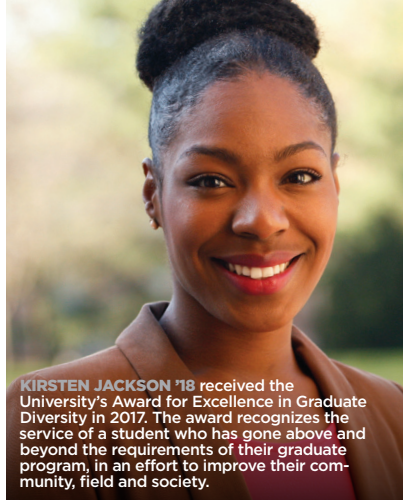
- Lambda Law Alliance
- Latin American Law Organization
- Law Christian Fellowship
- Korean American Law Student Association
- Peer Advisor Program

- Rex E. Lee Law Society
- St. Thomas More Society
- South Asian Law Student Association
- Virginia Law Families
- Virginia Law Democrats

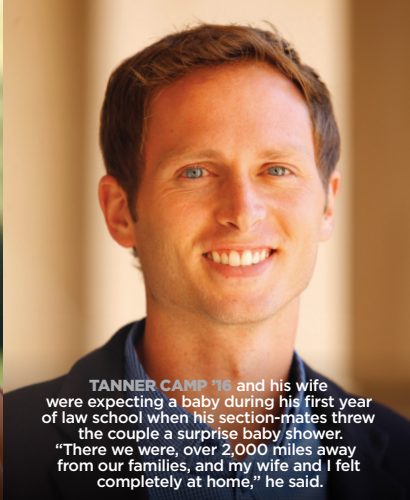
- Virginia Law Republicans
- Virginia Law Veterans
- Virginia Law Women
- Women of Color



“DIVERSITY IS CRUCIAL for so many reasons: for establishing genuine dialogue across difference, for achieving true equality, for ensuring access for all to law school and the legal profession, and for maintaining a legal system that represents and mediates conflicts between differing interests, goals and perspectives.” —DEAN RISA GOLUBOFF



KIRSTEN JACKSON '18 received the University's Award for Excellence in Graduate Diversity in 2017. The award recognizes the service of a student who has gone above and beyond the requirements of their graduate program, in an effort to improve their community, field and society.



TANNER CAMP '16 and his wife were expecting a baby during his first year of law school when his section-mates threw the couple a surprise baby shower. “There we were, over 2,000 miles away from our families, and my wife and I felt completely at home,” he said.



“The aptitudes presented by this community in valuing people — their voices, experiences and beliefs — are unmatched,” says **MANAL CHEEMA '20**. “The UVA Law community is caring, helpful and full of role models.”



UVA Law's **BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION** was named chapter of the year in the medium-sized category two years in a row by the National Black Law Students Association.



Students and faculty participate in **COMMON LAW GROUNDS**, an organization in which participants seek to understand diverging points of view as a first step toward finding common ground.

EVENTS Student organizations are the drivers behind a variety of events designed to support their members, including career networking receptions, social and mentoring events with faculty, and talks by female, minority or LGBT lawyers about their experiences practicing law.

RECENT EVENTS INCLUDE:

CIVIL LIBERTIES AND GENDER LEGISLATION, with Claire Gastañaga '74, executive director of the ACLU of Virginia

UNPACKING PRIVILEGE: AN EXPERIENCE-BASED DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY, sponsored by the Student Bar Association as part of Diversity Week

APALSA CAREER NETWORKING DAY, featuring a reception and events on succeeding in “Big Law” and paths to public service; sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

STUDENT-PROFESSOR PASSOVER LUNCH, sponsored by the Jewish Law Students Association

WOMEN IN BIG LAW AND WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE, sponsored by Virginia Law Women

PANEL ON DIVERSITY IN PUBLIC INTEREST, sponsored by the South Asian Law Student Association

SERVING THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN BIG LAW, with attorneys from “Big Law” firms

EQUALITY, WHITE SUPREMACY AND CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS, with Vice Dean Leslie Kendrick and other scholars and community members

FISHER V. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND THE FUTURE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, a panel of scholars and practitioners on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling and its policy implications

THE PEER ADVISOR PROGRAM

Through the Peer Advisor program, run through the Law School's Office of Student Affairs, second- and third-year law students help entering students acclimate to law school by offering friendship and support.

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